

# New local view posted for posterity

By JAYNE LLOYD

## Vigo County Public Library

Most people visiting new places enjoy a common hobby—collecting picture postcards. Their souvenir postcards provide instant recall of a journey gone by and guaranteed photographs even if the camera fails. Postcards also remain an inexpensive and interesting way for them to send greetings to friends and relatives.

Visitors to Terre Haute are no exception. Presently, however, there are few postcards of local scenes available to them and last fall, photographer Bob Harvey decided to do something about it. He contacted some national postcard manufacturers to get price estimates and specifications and then began thinking about the kinds of places in Terre Haute people might like to see on postcards. One of these, and the subject of his first project, was the main Vigo County Public Library.

He said he wanted to photograph the library "...because of its interesting design and because everyone I knew seemed to be so proud of it." He talked to library director Ed Howard and Betty Martin, assistant director, and learned that they were not only interested in the project, but had been planning to initiate it themselves.

Martin explained that with the large number of tour groups coming through the building, "...we felt that a color postcard would be the ideal thing for them to remember us by. Bob approached us at exactly the right time."

Initially, Harvey took some 40 color slides of the library. "I tried to get a variety of shots in existing and artificial light and to include angles of the building that people normally don't look at closely," he said. Of the latter, several were night scenes in which the combination of flood lights and particular camera angle created an extraterrestrial mood. Indoor photos were of public places such as the lobby, checkout and reference areas.

Howard and Martin selected 12 of the slides for Harvey to use in making three 6" x 8" color print composites. He said it was one of the most time-consuming tasks he had ever undertaken, and one of the most rewarding. "It was a way for me to do something new and creative for this city, especially with current efforts to enhance the downtown area," he explained.

In November, the mock postcards were presented to VCPL board members to select the composite which best expressed the library. Their choice included views of the lobby and reference areas, a daylight shot of the Walnut Street entrance, and the Library sign.

Harvey sent the artwork along with corresponding color transparencies to a New Jersey-based firm, one of 15 major postcard manufacturers in the



## Library souvenir

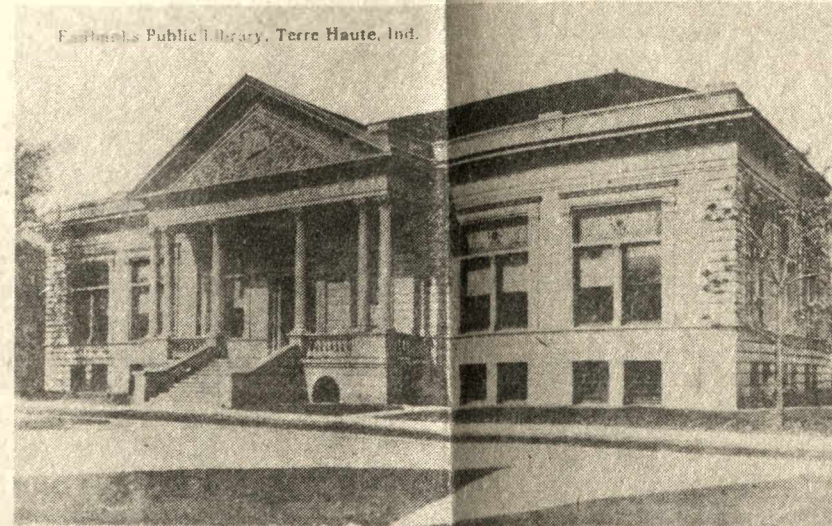
The new 4" x 6" color postcards of the Vigo County Library are available for purchase at the main and branch libraries. The main library is located at No. 1 Library Square southwest of the intersection of Seventh and Walnut streets on the former site of Wiley High School.

United States. A company representative described the printing process as similar to producing a full-color brochure. He said that depending upon the number of color combinations used, the postcard plates are run through the press three or four times and that cards for as many as 30 firms may be printed at one time. He added that his company alone produces some 15 million postcards for customers each month.

In late April, the library received the cards and Martin says that public response has been good. She added that she and other staff have been buying the postcards and sending them to friends and relatives throughout the county.

Meanwhile, Bob Harvey is at work on another project—this time making reproductions of historical postcards of Terre Haute. The postcard collection, owned by Dorothy Clark, historian and retired women's editor of The TRIBUNE and Tribune-Star, contains some 180 scenes of the city photographed in the early 1900s.

Several months ago, Clark asked Harvey to make the postcards into slides for use at the Vigo County Historical Society. He said that out of curiosity, he made a print from one of the slides and later an enlargement of



## An early Terre Haute postcard

The Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library building was the subject of several Terre Haute postcards sold here in the early 1900s. The color postcard was made from a hand-tinted black and white photograph and printed in Germany.

the print. He was so impressed with the result that he has since made prints of all the postcards in various sizes, framed them, and made them available for purchase. Ultimately, he hopes to produce new historical

postcards to be sold as souvenirs of the city.

A display of the historical postcard prints and slides will be featured in the lobby of the main Vigo County Library in the near future.



## Creating the artwork

Bob Harvey demonstrates some of his studio work on the Library postcard.



## Viewing the mockups

VCPL Board members Rick Kassel, left, and Dave Johnston joined Betty Martin during one of the postcard presentations by Bob Harvey, right.

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# VCPL's Historical Reference Materials To Be Available Soon For Use By Public

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By GLADYS SELTZER  
Star Staff Writer

The last section of wood shelving has been installed in the special collections room of the Vigo County Public Library, thus making available soon for public use the historical reference materials given the library by the Vigo County Historical Society.

The reference collection is known as the John G. Biel Memorial Library in honor of the Terre Haute attorney and historian who served for many years as president of the Historical Society. He was one of those present for the installation of the shelving and represented the society. Others attending were Mrs. Rosemary Duwelius, prssident of the board of the Vigo County Public Library, and George Dunkin, board member. Mrs. Judy Calvert could not be present. She was the volunteer librarian who, with Historical Museum Curator Dorothy Jerse, sorted and prepared all the books and files for the move to the public library.

During the course of the Tuesday press conference in conjunction with the installation, Ed Howard, director of the Vigo County Public Library, explained the agreement between the Historical Society and the library. The Historical Museum will collect and house artifacts, display materials and reference sources relating to the collection and museum management.

Howard noted the event will complete an action in the public interest initiated by the late Dr. Richard Gemmecke, dean emeritus of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana State University, in 1974. Dr. Gemmecke served as chairman of a committee for the Historical Society which recommended transfer of the society's historical reference library to the Vigo County Public Library. The late Wayne Miller and Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark

also served on the committee. In April, 1975 the society board voted unanimously to transfer its reference collection to VCPL for the purpose of "making the contents of the library more accessible to those who are desirous of using it."

The collection consists of some 500 books as well as a large quantity of genealogy and miscellaneous clippings, pamphlets and microfilms. All of the genealogy materials have been integrated with the VCPL genealogy files. All of the books will be identified by a VCPL plate on the front which reads "Gift Material from the John G. Biel Memorial Library of the Vigo County Historical Society."

Biel said he was "very pleased" with the placing of the library. Carl Brink, staff member in the

reference section of the public library, said the collection will be placed in various categories so the best possible use can be made of the materials. None of Biel's library is a part of the collection which includes very detailed maps of Terre Haute in 1955 and volumes ranging from the Quaker George Fox's journal published in London in 1709 to early 20th century publications. Many of the volumes are leather-bound and include memorial addresses in honor of Thomas Hendricks, vice president of the United States, who died on 25, 1885, at Indianapolis. One address was delivered by Senator Voorhees on Jan. 26, 1886.

Brink noted the collection contains not only volumes about the history of Indiana and the northwest, but American history in general.

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# Wiley marker dedication planned at library Friday

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Wiley High School class of 1930 celebrated its 50th anniversary by purchasing a historic marker memorializing the site of Terre Haute's first public high school and will formally dedicate the marker at 2 p.m. Friday during ceremonies on the grounds of the Vigo County Public Library — the former site of the school.

The bronze plaque has been placed on an 18 by 24 inch marble block and attached to the floor of the Library's gazebo which holds the old Wiley cupola.

The cupola set atop the former high school building for 85 years and was purchased in 1972 by 21 Wiley High School alumni to be preserved as a monument to the memory of the high school. Each former student donated \$100 toward the purchase of the cupola.

Subsequently, the alumni donated the cupola and its proceeds to the library and asked that the funds be used to incorporate the cupola into the new VCPL building plans. The

memorial, along with excess funds, was presented to the library and plans made to permanently preserve it on the site.

Library officials authorized the construction of the gazebo to hold the cupola and placed the weathervane, which once set atop the cupola, inside the library where it is displayed from time to time.

Sheldon Kord, a member of the Class of 1930, served as chairman of a committee of 146 former classmates to select and purchase the plaque.

The plaque recognizes the corner of Seventh and Walnut streets as an historic site, "an educational center for 108 years," first as Terre Haute High School (1863-1906) and finally as Wiley High School (1906-1971). The memorial is dedicated to former school officials, teachers and the 15,796 graduates "who contributed so much to the civic and economic development of the community and to the Wabash Valley."

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## Aerial photos given to library

Aerial photographs of Vigo County, recently donated by the Vigo County Area Planning Commission, are available for permanent public reference usage at the Vigo County Public Library.

The complete set of 115 prints, taken July 22, 1966, will be housed in a storage area at the library until display cabinets are acquired. Clarence Brink, coordinator of reference, said the photos can be viewed by appointment until permanent display facilities for the maps are available, which he estimates will be late February or early March.

Brink said the photos have "great historical purpose," in that interested persons will have the opportunity to see how the county has expanded since 1966, when the photographs were taken. Other practical uses include reference for geographic landmarks that have not been altered due to land development the past 14 years.

The 1966 aerial photos were used as a field work basis for a soil survey for Vigo County, which was completed in 1974.

The most current, complete set of aerial photographs of the county were taken in 1977, according to Bob Baer, land use planner with the Vigo County Area Planning Department. Update photos of specific areas were taken in 1979.

Although plat books are available for reference at the library, Baer said previously there have been no photos of the county to use as additional reference.

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## Library receives Children's Book Award books



### Award-winning books

Sylvia Laska, right, and Blanche Foster of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom recently presented Library director Ed Howard with six copies of the book which received the 1980 Jane Addams Children's Book Award. Laska and Foster are chairwoman and co-chairwoman, respectively, of the Terre Haute Chapter of WILPF.

Several copies of the book which won the 1980 Jane Addams Children's Book Award were presented to the Vigo County Public Library recently by the Terre Haute Chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. The books are being processed and soon will be made available to the public at the main and branch libraries and on the mediamobile.

Native American Jamake Highwater is author of the award-winning work titled *Many Smokes, Many Moons: A Chronology of American Indian History Through Indian Art*.

In his preface, Highwater states that his purpose in writing the book with nearly 90 black-and-white photographs and illustrations was to "make bridges across the vast spaces between Indians and non-Indians" and to "explore the America of native Americans...through Indian art."

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was founded in 1915 by Jane Addams—an activist

in education, women's suffrage, housing reform and labor legislation—to support any of the causes for justice.

WILPF established the annual Jane Addams Children's Book Award in 1953 to recognize books for children which are of literary merit and contain themes of brotherhood.

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# Meadows branch library celebrates 22nd year

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Meadows branch library of the Vigo County Public Library system is celebrating its 22nd year today.

Meadows opened July 1, 1958, and was the first branch of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, the first shopping-center branch in Indiana, and one of the first "underground" libraries in the nation.

News stories on the opening record that some 250 local residents attended the grand opening ceremonies at Room 27-A of Hulman Meadows Shopping Center. The air-conditioned room contained new furniture and shelving along with 1,800 volumes for juveniles, young adults and adult patrons. There also was a reference section, best-sellers and a selection of magazines.

Today, Meadows Library is one of four branches in the VCPL system. Its collection has expanded to more than 28,000 volumes at the end of 1979, and it is open for service 53 hours

each week. Despite recurring rumors that the branch is to be closed, library officials insist there are no immediate plans to discontinue the branch.

The present Meadows staff includes Charlene Pierard, librarian, June Dunbar, assistant librarian and Raymah Grover and Ruth Harbour, clerks. Alexandria Mitchell, Laura Spann, Louise Winton and Vic Anderson serve as pages and hourly employees.

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# Vigo Library Board

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## members sworn in

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David L. Johnston and William E. Price were reappointed to the Vigo County Library board and given the oath of office by Vigo County Circuit Court Judge Hugh D. McQuillan in his chambers today.

Johnston is being reappointed to a four-year term by McQuillan. He is currently serving as treasurer of the library board, and has held that office since the formation of the new board in July, 1974. He is assistant vice president, Terre Haute First National Bank, West Terre Haute.

Price is being reappointed to a four-year term by the Vigo County Commissioners, having been appointed Dec. 11, 1979, to fill the unexpired term of the late Arch R. Dunbar. He is manager for the Terre Haute area of Public Service Indiana.

In addition to Johnston and Price, the members of the VCPL board are Rosemary Duwellus, president; Ethel Bell, vice president; Rick Kassel, secretary; George Dunkin and Carolyn Henson.

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## Australian gives books to library

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Mervyn Trim, an Australian costume/set designer and teacher at the Victorian School of the Arts in Melbourne, Victoria, recently presented three books by Australian authors to the Vigo County Public Library.

Accepting the books for the library was Alice Wert, VCPL technical services coordinator, who became acquainted with Trim during a tour of New Zealand several years ago.

The gift books include the "Poetical Works of Henry Lawson," acclaimed to be Australia's greatest national poet; a children's book titled "The Magic Pudding: The Adventures of Bluegum," written and illustrated by Norman Lindsay; and a book on Melbourne, called "Melbourne: A Way of Life," which contains 165 illustrations.

Trim, who is combining a six-weeks holiday in the United States with a survey of technical operations in professional and university theaters and film studios, said he donated the books to the library because he wanted to introduce local readers to good Australian literature. He plans to continue in the effort by sending two or three additional books to VCPL each year.

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# Materials at library officially dedicated

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Some 500 books and genealogy materials which at one time comprised the Historical Reference Library of the Vigo County Historical Society were officially dedicated to the public library today.

Also honored at the ceremonies was local attorney John G. Biel, former president of the Historical Society. The local resident was recognized because the Historical Reference Library's official title was the John G. Biel Library.

Biel was instrumental in coordinating the transfer of the reference material to the local library, a process which was initiated in 1974 when committees from both the society and library met to discuss the possible

transfer.

In April of 1975, according to Ed Howard, VCPL director, the society announced it would donate the books and materials to be housed in the Special Collections Room of the new VCPL building.

Books in the collection are identified by a plate that reads: "Gift material from the John G. Biel Memorial Library of the Vigo County Historical Society."

"During the past year we have been working with the society to transfer the collection to the library," explained Howard. "It's extremely valuable in terms of the information it contains and what the information could mean to the community. It's a tremendous resource."

Some of the books in the collection include "A Tour Through Indiana in 1840" which was published in 1920, and "Annals of the West" published in 1847.

VCPL board president Rosemary Duwelius and board member George Dunkin were present at the ceremonies which included the final installation of wood shelving for the new collection.

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# Dunkin, Wert to join nearly 50 librarians in research project

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George Dunkin, Vigo County Public Library board trustee, and Alice Wert, VCPL technical services coordinator, will join nearly 50 librarians, library trustees and computer specialists in a two-year research project to explore ways in which libraries might cooperatively use mini-computer circulation systems. Dunkin will serve on the project steering committee and Wert will serve as task force member.

The program, titled "Project Circ," is sponsored by the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority (INCOLSA). Funding is to be provided by a federal Library Services Construction Act grant through the State Library of Indiana.

INCOLSA officials report that the primary objective of "Project Circ" is to develop specifications and implementation plan for the installation of automated circulation systems on a state-wide basis. Anticipated benefits would include reducing expensive labor-intensive tasks, making entire local collections more available to a wider range of users and, when possible, extending user access to the collections of other libraries.

According to Wert, whose work in the VCPL technical services department involves cataloging books on the state-wide OCLC computer network, automated circulation would double the speed of service at the checkout desk. She said the system would, among other things, note the precise location of books in the library and, if checked out, their dates due; record how many copies of a title the library owns; detect reserve book titles at checkout and automatically print ov-

erdue notices to patrons; and provide statistics on the use of the collection

Costs for automating circulation on a state-wide basis would be relatively low, Wert said, because participating libraries would pay for use of the system, rather than for the computer itself.

Planning for "Project Circ" has begun and the first meeting for task force members is scheduled Thursday in Indianapolis. The meeting will be an introductory workshop to familiarize participants with goals, timetables and responsibilities. It will also provide them with a general introduction to automated circulation system concepts.

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**Tax funds to eliminate  
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The need to borrow money for operating the Vigo County Public Library on a day-to-day basis was eliminated when the library board learned Monday that tax funds will be available for the operating budget as early as the end of May.

The tax rate established by the State Tax Review Board was approved earlier than anticipated, board members were told.

Meanwhile, Harrison Township is expected to approve the appropriation of \$50,000 in Federal Revenue Sharing later this month. The appropriation restores a substantial sum to the budget covering the purchase of books, periodicals and audio-visual materials.

In other action, the board approved a recommendation of VCPL Director Ed Howard to provide limited Sunday service, funded by money left from

unfilled positions on the library staff.

An announcement will be made in about two weeks on when the Sunday service begins, Howard said. The recommended hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays and the service will be on a "self-serve" basis.

Limited staffing will permit borrowing from the general collection and some assistance for reference. Audio-visual service and access to meeting room will not be available.

Minor cash windfalls came in the form of a \$5,200 additional appropriation from the State Board of Tax Commissioners as the county's share in the reciprocal borrowing program for the state and an additional \$6,000 restored to the budget with the approval of the tax rate.

The cut had been appealed by board attorney Guille Cox and several members of the budget committee.

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# Details released of 1981 budget for Vigo library

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Details of the Vigo County Public Library's proposed operating budget for 1981 have been released.

The proposed budget of \$1,447,703 for 1981 is a 6.4 percent increase over the 1980 operating budget of \$1,360,368.

The VCPL board voted earlier this week to advertise the budget.

In addition to the operating budget, the library will also advertise a bond and interest redemption fund for 1981 of \$391,087.

The various categories of the operating budget include the following:

- Services personal is the direct labor of persons in the employment of the library. This includes salaries of the director, assistant director, other assistants, custodians and other compensation.

The proposed total of 1981 in services personal is \$937,744, compared to \$855,425 in the 1980 budget.

Included in that category is the salary for the director, proposed as \$32,893 for 1981. The 1980 salary for the director is \$29,767.

The assistant director proposal is for a salary of \$27,528 in 1981, compared to \$24,912 in 1980.

The library endorsed the request of its Staff Association for a 10.5 percent increase for salaried staff or \$800, whichever was greater. Therefore, staff members earning less than \$7,625 received \$800 in the computation, while all others figured at 10.5 percent.

Currently the library has 65 salaried staff. The 1981 proposal includes one additional salaried position for a night security/maintenance person.

Hourly employees would be paid minimum wage (\$3.35) in 1981. Currently the library's hourly wage is below minimum wage.

- The services contractual budget category includes such items as communication and transportation, utilities, printing and advertising, repairs and contractual services.

The total budget for the category proposed for 1981 is actually less than the 1980 figure — \$156,965 compared to \$161,278. The library is budgeting less for 1981 in such categories as electric current and equipment repair, based on a year's experience in the new building.

- The 1980 and 1981 total figures for the supplies category, another of the major budget areas, are the same. An additional \$3,000 is being budgeted for the other supplies category for the library and mediamobile. The \$3,000 is being cut from the other office supplies category.

- The current charges budget for 1981 is \$185,971, compared to \$176,819 in 1980. This category includes such items as insurance and bond premium, rents, dues and employer's contributions to PERK, FICA and unemployment compensation.

- The properties budget area budget is up slightly from the 1980 figure of \$119,823 to \$120,000.

Director Ed Howard notes that state reciprocal borrowing funds, if any, and state funding, can be appropriated to this classification.



# Energy conservation report heard by Vigo Library Board

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The Vigo County Library board, after requesting an energy audit be conducted by Public Service Indiana, heard a report on the results of that audit at the regular meeting last night.

Star Weddle of PSI, presented the survey results to board members. She suggested three areas of adjustment to the mechanical system in the heating/cooling plant for the new library—all of which will require checking and adaptation by mechanical experts before they can be implemented:

Install "turning vanes" in the ducts to direct the air flow and reduce the work load of fans which would also help reduce the operating noise of the system.

Zone the building by installing three thermostats instead of the one currently serving the building. Since

the heat gain/loss varies at the three building levels, this would increase efficiency.

Install baffles in the air mixing chamber to decrease the demands on the system during high heat-demand periods.

Weddle also made three suggestions which might be implemented immediately by the library maintenance staff to reduce energy consumption:

Install a timing device on the water heater to operate only when the building is in use.

Maintain building temperature at 55 degrees rather than 65 degrees during unoccupied hours.

Screen windows on the main floor area to reduce heat gain/loss in the reading areas.

Board members recommended the maintenance department take im-

mediate steps to incorporate the suggestions which can be undertaken now and suggested sending a copy of the report to Sheldon Hannig, building contractor, for comment and suggestion.

Weddle was complementary about the "good planning" and the fact that the building was exceptionally well insulated with the additional energy-saving measure of double-paned windows. The heating system is the best for public buildings, especially libraries, in that it retains humidity to help preserve the books.

Linda Hardin reported on her attendance at a Community Analysis Institute which she termed "rather disappointing" because the Vigo County Public Library has already been actively engaged in a similar process and served more as a resource library.

Alice Wert reported on a series of seven public forums conducted in various locations around the state to disseminate information concerning the White House Conference on Libraries. A 20-minute tape of the White House Conference is to be available for viewing on the VCPL TV screens at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

In other business, the board:

Tabled a recommendation to purchase a heavy-duty carpet cleaner.

Voted to renew a reciprocal borrowing contract with the State Library.

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Comment on the News by Martin Plascak, WTHI AM-FM  
News Director. Aired December 26, 1979

It comes as no surprise to me that the new Vigo County Public Library has been named Library of the Year by the Indiana Library Association.

The award, a permanent wood and brass plaque, was presented to library director, Ed Howard recently.

Library of the Year awards are given annually to libraries in the state which have shown notable expansion or improvement of service as recommended by American Library Association standards.

Our new library is super. I've been in a lot of public libraries and I would go so far as to say ours is as good, if not better, than any you'll find anywhere for a community of our size.

If you've never been in the new library, located on the former Wiley High School site, you're in for a real treat.

It has everything. A great audio visual department, a fine childrens' section, a historical room, and meeting rooms downstairs.

And there are plenty of places to sit and read.

This library is just something else.

It's a real asset to this county and it's something we can really be proud of.

Use it and enjoy it. Community Affairs File

# Young people's librarian talks to parents

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"SPEAK," "LISTEN," AND "READ." These three words form the basis of the advice Carol Sutherland gives parents for insuring a good foundation for their children's learning skills.

From experience with thousands of young people as Young People's Librarian at the Vigo Co. Public Library, Carol says, "You as a parent are the first and most important teacher your child will ever have. Use these keys to help open doors for your child's success before the time he or she even starts school."

"SPEAK. Talk to your child even before the understanding of the words have developed, but avoid baby talk. Conversation helps children distinguish sounds and imitate them. Talking about the things they see and hear expands their world.

"LISTEN. Your child will tell stories, ask questions and relate experiences. Oral language is being developed in this process. You may help by playing games with sounds. Discovering the sheer delight of words can lead to the enjoyment of poetry and fine prose later.

"READ. You serve as a model for your child to observe the importance and enjoyment of reading. Reading aloud to your child provides the enjoyment of books and the added pleasure of sharing them with you."

These serious instructions are to be combined with humor and love. Carol says, "All activities should be fun and successful for your child. Always praise your child for trying. Share the delight of

success by giving a kiss, a hug or a smile."

Carol has been a staff member of the Vigo County Public Library for the past thirteen years. She served patrons at the Media mobile stops and at South Branch before moving to the main library.

Carol's title of Young People's Librarian would lead one to believe that she works only with children. Although the subject matter of the materials in her Young People's Library is selected for pre-school through junior high age patrons, Carol ends up working with all age groups: parents, teachers, Scout leaders, any adults working with youth.

Adults who have not browsed through contemporary children's books lately will be surprised to see the change in subject matter. According to Carol, "The fiction books have most always reflected life at the time they were written, but now the problems of life are emphasized more. Subjects that were in the adult realm are appearing in children's books. These include social issues such as drugs, divorce and child abuse."

A native of Beckley, West Virginia, Carol lived at Huntington and Wheeling before moving to Terre Haute. She is a graduate of Concord College, Athens, W. Va., and has studied library science at Indiana State University. Her husband, Leland, is manager of the Springhill Branch, Terre Haute First National Bank. Their son, Jeff, is a student at Rose-Hulman Institute and daughter, Susan, is a senior at South Vigo.

After fifteen years in the Wabash Valley

Carol says, "We feel very much at home in Terre Haute. We missed the mountains when we first came here, but now if we had to move we would feel that our roots were being torn away."

Carol serves her community in many ways. She is currently president of the VCPL Staff Association, a member of the Indiana Library State Association, and a member of Maryland Community Church where she teaches in the primary department. She and her husband serve on the Parents' Board at Rose-Hulman. Other memberships include Alpha Sigma Alpha Alumnae, the Board of Directors of Four-C, and the Wabash Valley Council of the International Reading Association. She was the recipient in 1978 of the Wabash Valley I.R.A. Outstanding Award.

Like many women today, Carol combines her professional and family responsibilities. She comments, "It takes a lot of work but I have been fortunate that the profession I have has allowed me to share with my children.

"I support the 1979 Children's Book Week theme, 'More Books in the Home.' These books may be borrowed from the library; they do not have to be purchased to be enjoyed. Here in the Young People's Library we have books, games, magazines and phonograph records. Much is offered to members of the community at the library, but they have to come and use it."

Carol likes her work. She says, "I feel that anything I can do to help anyone else is enjoyable. Sometimes it is a contact only for a minute; other times I would suspect that the influence would be more far-reaching. Whichever it is, I want to be cheerful, kind and helpful."



Carol Sutherland, chief librarian of the Young People's Library, introduces Jessica Prothero to the world of books. Library architects used bright, cheerful colors for the surroundings to stimulate learning, also kid-sized chairs shaped like frogs and kangaroos. Jessica is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Prothero of Terre Haute. Right, Carol greets two "regulars" of the Young People's Library, Jim and Polly Etling.



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# Our library wins

Libraries (I.H.) VCPL

By Bob Kennedy

All of us have been proud of the new Vigo County Public Library since its completion and opening a few months ago. The new tri-level structure epitomizes the finest in the latest architectural and functional design for such facilities. Though the old library had achieved an enviable reputation for informational and cultural service to the public, the new one has already reached new standards as measured by the American Library Association.

In December the Vigo County Public Library was named "Library of the Year" by the Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Library Trustee Association. The coveted award is based upon service, administration, materials selection, physical facilities, and the cooperation with other libraries.

The Award Committee emphasized that the Vigo County Public Library "has a long and impressive history of service to community organizations." In one recent month alone the new library hosted a total of 128 community groups for special meetings that were attended by more than 3,100 people.

Since its opening the VCPL has doubled circulation of books and other materials and its use by readers and researchers has greatly increased.

The new library also serves as the Interlibrary Loan and Reference Referral Center for the now merged Area Library Services Authority and the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority.

The new Vigo County Public Library ranks as an "achievement of the year" for the people of the Wabash Valley. It is only proper that it be recognized as the "library of the year" by the entire state.

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A collection of contemporary dance pieces featuring Margo Faught and Laura Elmore of the Arts in Education Program, Vigo County School Corporation, will be presented Saturday at the Vigo County Public Library. The concert, titled "Dancers Two," will begin at 3 p.m. in the VCPL lobby. It is open to the public without charge.

Program features, which have been choreographed by Faught and Elmore, will include a variety of dance forms, improvisations and a dance theater piece. Live and recorded musical accompaniment will range from the works of Jelly Roll Morton to local artist Hank Roberts.

Faught, currently an arts in consultant for the Arts in Education Program, has specialized primarily in the fields of creative and children's dance. She is a native of Sullivan and a graduate of Indiana University.

Elmore is the chairperson for the VCSC Arts in Education Program. Originally from New York, she has a bachelor and master's degrees from IU. She has also studied with such dancers as Martha Graham and Murray Louis and has had extensive choreographic experience including work with Community Theater.

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# VCPL Studies Money Problem

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By LIZ CIANCONE  
Star Staff Writer

Like all other local tax-supported units, the Vigo County Public Library anticipates cash flow problems this spring as a result of reassessment and the attendant difficulties in establishing and verifying the tax rates. Consequently, the library board members took steps at their meeting Monday to meet the financial needs of the library until the spring tax payment is made.

The problem was called to the attention of the budget committee when it met to consider the problem of Sunday openings, said Dave Johnston, budget committee chairman. As a consequence, his committee made no recommendation concerning Sunday hours.

VCPL assistant director Betty Martin told the board it would be mid spring (April) before the tax rate could be certified and tax monies could not be expected before mid-July at the earliest — perhaps not until August. The library expects only about \$142,000 income between now and the tax payment.

As a consequence, Martin re-

quested — and received — permission to borrow \$136,175 from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund and a \$100,000 sum from the Construction Fund. Both funds represent invested monies and must be repaid by the end of the year. The emergency transfer does not touch the Bond Interest Redemption Fund which is kept intact to pay the bond interest on the \$4 million bond issue from which the new library building was constructed.

Martin also requested and received permission to proceed with the preliminary paper work leading toward a bank loan to make up any short fall in operating funds.

Board attorney Guille Cox said legally the library and other governmental units had two options: to issue bonds or to seek a short-term bank loan. He advised against the bond issue and suggested bids be taken from area banks on interest rates for a temporary loan to be repaid within the year. No loan can be confirmed until the levy is set by the State Board of Tax Review, however, and this is not anticipated before mid-April.

The board also approved a library building project report presented by VCPL director Ed Howard who told those attending that the punch list had been reduced to 12 items, several of which cannot be completed until better weather prevails.

Howard's report contained information about Alice Wert, technical services librarian and general chairman of the Governor's Conference on Libraries, who had been named to the Advisory Committee on Libraries and Information Services by Indiana Governor Otis Bowen. Wert and Dr. Richard Pierard served as Indiana delegates to the White House Conference in November 1979 and both have been included on Bowen's permanent committee, "to serve at the pleasure and discretion of the Governor." The Indiana Advisory Committee is one of the first state committees to be organized as a result of the White House Conference, Howard told the board.

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# VCPL receives gift of Revolutionary War figurines

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A limited edition series of six pewter sculptures depicting figures from the Revolutionary War era have been donated to the Vigo County Public Library by Samuel E. Beecher, Jr., in memory of his son Quentin Beecher. The sculptures, which were presented to Library director Ed Howard by Larry Schopmeyer of the Terre Haute First National Bank on behalf of Mr. Beecher, are currently on display in the VCPL Special Collections Room.

Quentin Beecher was a Chief Warrant Officer in the U.S. Army who presumably died when his helicopter disappeared off the coast of South Vietnam in the summer of 1967. He was declared missing in action by the U.S. Army after his aircraft had apparently run afoul of violent thunderstorms and crashed on June 11, 1967.

In June, 1973 Beecher and all other victims of Vietnam War water crash sites were reclassified from "missing in action" to "presumed dead."

The Terre Haute serviceman was born September 14, 1942 and was graduated from the former Wiley High School in 1960. For six years, he was a petty officer in the U.S. Navy before transferring to the Army to become a helicopter pilot.

He was assigned to active duty in Vietnam and arrived there in the Spring of 1967 where he flew regularly until his craft disappeared that June.

The gifts to the Library are the "Greatness in America" collection, commemorating the American

Revolution and its Bicentennial. They were hand-cast and hand-made from the molds of original works by Philip Kraykowski, internationally famed sculptor.

Kraykowski is best known for his life-sized busts of former President John F. Kennedy, General Curtis LeMay, Lowell Thomas, and J. Edgar Hoover. The artist has also won worldwide fame for his bas relief sculpturing used for commemorative medals and medallions, picturing such historical figures as Abraham Lincoln, Ben Franklin, Pope Paul VI, and Dag Hammarskjold.

Each "Greatness in America" sculpture is signed and dated to certify its authenticity and hand-numbered to correspond to other pieces in the set. The pewter figures include "The General," commemorating General George Washington; "Concord Bridge," depicting the heroic stand of the Minute Men at Concord Bridge which marked the beginning of hostilities between England and America; "The Declaration," picturing the authors of the Declaration of Independence; and "Call to Freedom," commemorating Paul Revere.

Others are "Drumbeats at Yorktown," memorializing the unnamed heroes who helped bring an end to the war; and "Weary Patriots," symbolizing the courage and devotion of Americans during the battle.

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**'Greatness in America'**

Six pewter figurines, hand-cast and hand-made from original molds in Philip Kraykowski's "Greatness in America" collection, have been donated to the Vigo County Public Library by Samuel E. Beecher Jr. in memory of his son

Quentin. Presenting the gifts to Library director Ed Howard, right, on behalf of Beecher was Larry Schopmeyer of the Terre Haute First National Bank.



# Library experiencing financial difficulty

By DONITA HADLEY  
Tribune Staff Writer

Issues concerning use of Vigo County Public Library funds and possible future installation of an automated circulation system were discussed Monday night by VCPL board members meeting in regular monthly session.

The library, as are other governmental units in the county supported by local property taxes, is experiencing some financial difficulty due to delays in receiving spring tax funds because tax rates are still being established.

Two areas of financial difficulty discussed Monday evening by board members included travel expenses and reopening the library on Sunday.

George Dunkin questioned staff members paying part or all of their expenses when traveling to work-related seminars, meetings, etc. Dunkin felt if funds were not available to completely finance trips, then staff members should not attend outside functions. Dunkin stated that if staff members traveled to job-related functions then the board should pay all their expenses.

Rick Kassel stated he appreciated staff members trying to cut back travel expenses. Other board members felt the staff should continue to travel to work-related functions if such functions would aid the staff professionally or on the job, but president Rosemary Duwelius requested that director Ed Howard give careful consideration to the importance and value of staff travel in the future.

The travel budget for 1980 has been cut approximately 75 percent from the 1979 budget.

The budget committee, which has been studying the feasibility of reopening the library on Sunday, still has not come up with a recommendation on this issue. Payroll costs and utility expenses for staying open on Sunday were estimated between \$12,000 and \$13,000. Dunkin urged the committee to examine the budget and determine whether money was available to finance Sunday hours.

The budget committee has also been studying the possibility of extending Friday evening hours instead of opening on Sunday.

The board is still examining the possibility of installing an automated circulation system. Dunkin, who is studying the matter, announced that a system would cost approximately a quarter of a million dollars and \$40,000 a year to maintain. Michigan City is currently the only state library to have such a system, noted Dunkin.

If and when the board decides upon such a purchase, the entire project would take about two years from the initial decision to purchase the equipment.

In his report, the director informed the board of the staff institute which will be conducted Friday at the main library, which will be closed to the public. The library will open at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The report stated that assistant director Betty Martin took office as president of the Board of the Area 7 & 10 Library Services Authority.

Howard also informed the board that two outside speakers attached to the building facing the parking lot were missing. Cost to replace the speakers is \$114 which will be paid by insurance.



# VCPL 'traveling library' going 25 years

By JANE LLOYD  
VCPL Media Relations

Twenty-five years ago this month, the first local traveling library was introduced to Terre Haute. It was called the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library Bookmobile and together with a librarian, a clerk-driver, and a collection of 1,600 books, it would visit 11 city schools, 10 residential areas, and one community center in an initial two-week run. The Bookmobile was destined to provide a useful and appreciated service to this city (and eventually the county); it also was to see much change.

Twenty-five years later, the tan and cream colored vehicle is called the Vigo County Public Library Mediamobile. It is more than twice the size of its predecessor, contains central air-conditioning and heating, and is lighted by an electric generator. As its name suggests, the Mediamobile is fully equipped with 8mm films, filmstrips, slides, viewmasters and reels, phonorecords, audiocassette tapes, magazines and games, and a collection of some 2,000 paperback and hard cover books. It also houses 16mm films and

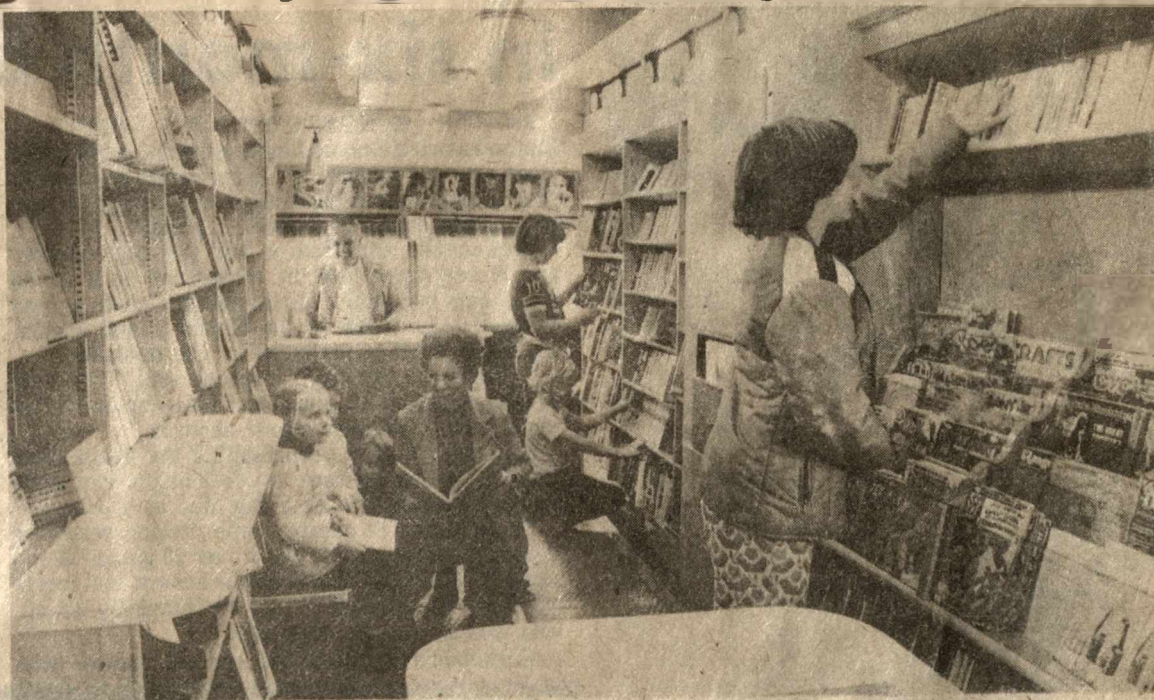
projectors for special film presentations.

Some 20 librarians and four drivers have worked on one or more of the mobile units. A full-time clerical position has been added to the original staff of two.

Current-day patrons are primarily the elderly, low-income housing residents, community centers, and citizens in isolated rural areas. Special services such as monthly collection loans and film-story hours are offered on a regular basis to the county retention centers and area pre-schools.

The focus of the service, however, is essentially what it was a quarter of a century ago—a means of extending the public library to all of the tax-paying community.

According to Irene McDonough in her "History of the Public Library in Vigo County: 1816-1975," the bookmobile project was initiated to serve "adults in areas where no school branch or deposit collection was available" and to "assist elementary schools in making the desk and seats for the librarian and driver. It also contained fans, a space heater, and battery-operated dome



## Inside the Mediamobile

1980—Betty Dodson, center, is today's VCPL with visitors. Kenny Smith, at the far end of the Mediamobile librarian welcoming and working expanded traveling library is the driver.

lights. Additional fluorescent lighting was made available by stringing extension cords from the truck to indoor outlets at the various stops.

In 1958, with the annexation of Harrison Township to the city, the Library purchased a second bookmobile in order to extend service to the city limits. Three

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years later, both the school and library systems went county-wide and bookmobile service, accordingly, expanded to include all of Vigo County.

By the mid-sixties, three additional branch libraries (West, Plaza North, and Southland) had opened and the VCPL Extension Services Office had been created to coordinate branch and bookmobile activities. One of its initial projects was to plan for the future of the bookmobile.

It wasn't until the summer of 1971, however, that this planning began to take form. Staff of the local Office of Economic Opportunity had appealed to the VCPL to participate in a project for low-income citizens. Purpose of the project was to encourage participating groups and individuals to develop their own educational programs by utilizing learning materials from the bookmobile.

Library officials complied and the project was so successful that they applied for and received a federal grant to continue the program on an experimental basis for two years. The money was used to remodel the second truck (the original would continue to serve the few remaining schools without libraries), to add new types of materials to the collection, and to purchase videotape equipment (now a part of the Library's AV Services) to film group activities. A university team was assigned to evaluate the project and the bookmobile received a new name—the VCPL Mediamobile.

Present-day Mediamobile service attests to the success of the project. In 1974, the VCPL purchased the present vehicle and services continued to expand to fit community needs. In the transition from public branch libraries to school libraries."

In the Spring of 1955, Meadows Branch was about to open in the eastern sector of the city. The Bookmobile was put on the road to supplement branch service in other areas. It operated on an alternating two-week schedule throughout the school year and provided special services and stops during summer months.

Books for the first unit came from some of the closing school branches and through the assistance of the Indiana State Library. Patrons could borrow any of the books on board. They also could request circulating materials from the main library; the librarian would simply put the items on reserve and present them to the patron on the next scheduled visit or as soon as they were available.

The 1955 cream and maroon book truck was approximately 30 feet long, 6 feet, 10 inches high inside. It was equipped with adjustable shelves, a separate entrance and exit, and a last decade, for example, an increasing number of mothers entered the local work force and the resulting children's daycare centers and pre-schools became a new focus. The decade also brought special attention to area senior citizens.

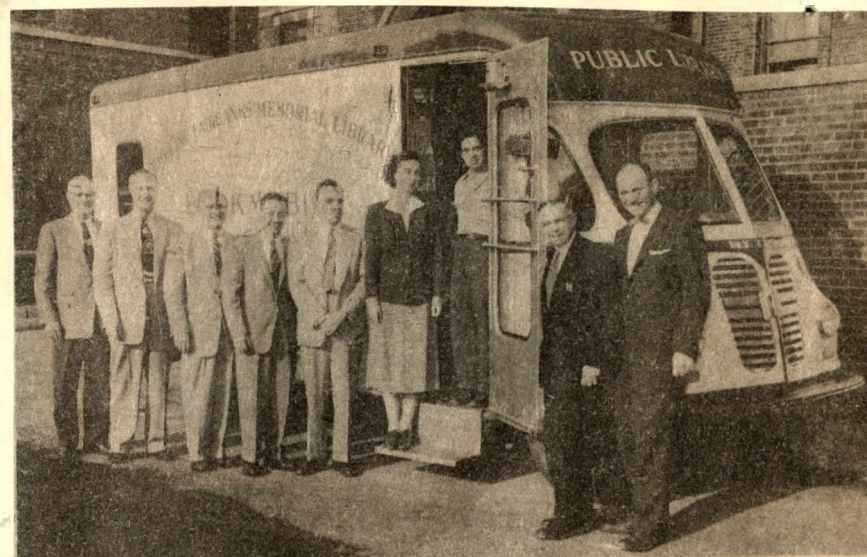
The Mediamobile still operates on an alternating two-week time table, with special services added during the summer. Schedules are printed in January, June, and September and are made available to the public on the mobile unit, at all other Library agencies, and at selected community centers.

They also are mailed to patrons upon request.

Current regular stops include Prairie Creek, Pimento, Manson Apts., Morton Lewis Court, and McMillan Square. Others are Lockport Housing Development, Hyte Center, New Goshen and

St. Mary's Village.

Other stops include Burnett, Ce-Mar Subdivision, Greenwood Manor Apts., Youngstown Meadows, Margaret Avenue Housing Development, Praire Park, Glenn Recreation Center and Riley.



### **First EFML Bookmobile — "A mini-library on wheels"**

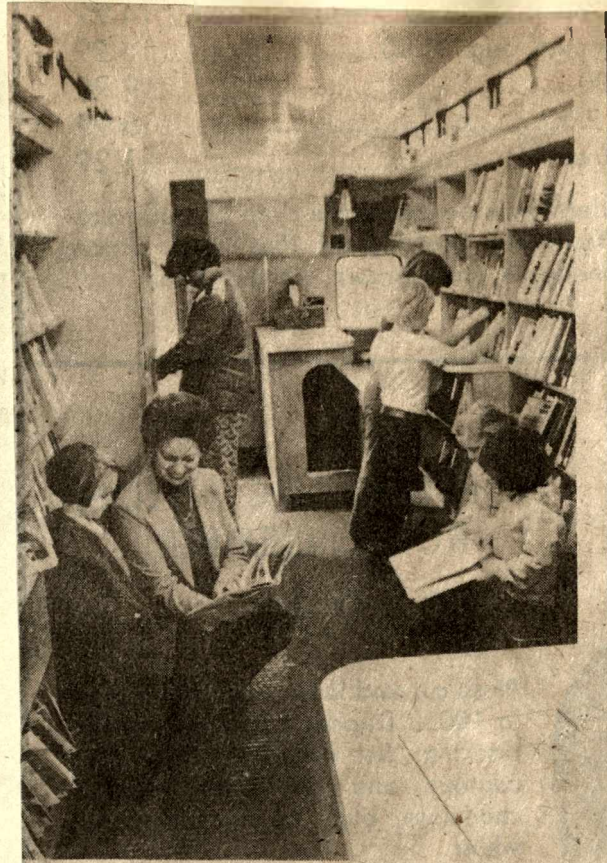
Library trustees and employees inspecting the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library's first bookmobile, put into operation in April, 1955, were: John Bloxsome, Robert Ligett, Wayne Watson, former superintendent of city schools, Stillman Taylor, EFML head librarian (1953-1967), Virginia Shillings, bookmobile librarian, Robert St. John, driver, Dewey Annakin, and Ray Hahn.





### ***Inside the Bookmobile***

1958—Betty Martin (second from right) bookmobile librarian from 1958-1961, greeted visitors of all ages on one of the regularly scheduled stops. Martin is currently VCPL assistant director.



***Another view in the Mediamobile***





### **On the way**

**Kenny Smith waves at passersby as he and other staff members leave the main library for an afternoon of Medlamobile visits and activities.**

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# Library board *Library Public* reviews work T MAY 20 1980 on air system

A report concerning the main public library air balance system was among the items discussed Monday by the Vigo County Library Board.

A spokesman from Shelton Hannig Inc., Thomas Duwelius, reported the company's findings following a check of complaints made by the board that sufficient work on the air balance system of the building had not been adequately completed.

An out-of-town contractor, Grunau Construcion, hired by Hannig took the bid for the air balance job. However, there appeared to be some doubt as to the accuracy of the air balance report filed by Grunau following the job's completion, according to the board.

The board issued a statement saying it was not sure whether the report would pinpoint the specific losses in static pressure as a result of the faulty work, air noises are worsening in various areas of the building and there was some question why the system is still running at maximum amperage of 88 amps.

According to Duwelius, representing the firm handling the current construction at the library, "We are right back where we were at the last meeting. As you know, the air balance report submitted to the architect was rejected. However, Shelton Hannig contacted Grunau and informed them the job was not completed. Grunau has since returned and made futher modifications to the system, as well as the water system and filed another report with the inspectors."

Duwelius added the report would be checked thoroughly by the architect before a decision would be made to approve the work.

In other old business, the board approved a request to install an electrical outlet and a 17-inch receiver-monitor in the Audiovisual Office at an estimated cost of \$750. According to Betty C. Martin, assistant library director, the outlet and monitor were in the original plans of the building, "but they somehow got left out."

Two other considerations approved during the meeting were to remove a chalk board and install a tack wall covering on the east wall of the Media Relations room and to install floor rails in the General Collections room to keep chairs from rubbing and chipping against the stone walls. The estimated cost of the tack wall was \$350 and the floor rails at \$150.

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## Read-A-Rama at Collett Park set by library

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Area youngsters are invited to take part in the special program of games, stories and puppetry known as Read-A-Rama Monday, July 7, at Collett Park from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The program, sponsored by the Division of Reading Effectiveness of the Indiana Department of Public Instruction is in cooperation with the Vigo County Public Library system.

It is a part of the national Reading is Fundamental (R.I.F.) project which seeks to motivate children to read by providing them with enjoyable reading activities and inexpensive paperback books of their own choice.

Featured "guest" at the Read-A-Rama will be "Readmore," the green and blue polka-dotted cat, mascot of the program. Also participating will be VCPL young people's librarians Sandy Kirby, Pam Etling, Cheryl Blevins, June Dunbar and Elaine Liveoak.

In addition, local resident Rosalie Weir will present a puppet show and two members of the Terre Haute Story League, Frances Failing and Mary Weddle, will give a story book presentation.

Before the program, the children participating will have an opportunity to select a free paperback book from the R.I.F. motor van while their parents discuss ways in which to improve their children's reading abilities with a R.I.F. reading specialist.

Concern for children's reading abilities, enjoyment of reading and access to books led to the first project funded by R.I.F. in 1966.



**"SUMMER INVESTIGATORS" PROGRAM STARTS** — Vigo County Public Library staff (from left) Elaine Liveoak, South Branch; Cheryl Blevens, Plaza North Branch; and Sandy Kirby, Main Library, look over a poster announcing the "Summer Investigators" Program, scheduled to begin at some of the library agencies today. The program, to be conducted at the main and branch libraries during June and July, is designed for school-age children in Vigo County and includes crafts, films, story hours, special activities and the Summer Reading Club.

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# Wiedemann Award purchase given to Vigo Library

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The 1980 Frank E. Wiedemann Award of Distinction Purchase Prize, given each year by the Sheldon Swope Art Gallery to an outstanding contributor to the Wabash Valley Art Exhibition, was presented to the Vigo County Public Library recently by Mrs. Frank E. Wiedemann.

The award is a memorial to her late husband, Frank E. Wiedemann, M.D.

The gift to the library is a black and white photograph titled "Untitled II" by Connie S. Lewis of Terre Haute. It is currently on display in the VCPL Special Collections Room.

Dr. Wiedemann practiced medicine here for 67 years until his death in late 1961. He was known throughout the country for his pioneering efforts in the development of x-ray equipment.

He constructed the first x-ray apparatus in Indiana and one of the first such units in the United States.

In addition, along with two of his colleagues, he performed the first successful Caesarean operation in the state.

Dr. and Mrs. Wiedemann were also extensive world travelers who circumnavigated the globe two times.

Past recipients of Frank E. Wiedemann purchase prizes have included Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Indiana State University, the Y.W.C.A., and the Swope Art Gallery.

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### ***Gift to the Library***

Mrs. Frank E. Wiedemann presented the Frank E. Wiedemann memorial purchase prize for 1980 to Vigo County Library director Ed Howard. The

photograph, which is called "Untitled II" by Connie S. Lewis, will be on display at the library.



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## Vigo Library Board Members Reappointed

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David L. Johnston and William E. Price, reappointed to the Vigo County Library Board, will be given the oath of office at 1 p.m. Wednesday by Vigo Circuit Court Judge Hugh D. McQuillan in his chambers.

Johnston, currently treasurer of the board, was reappointed by McQuillan. Johnston has been treasurer since July 1974 when the new board was organized. He is assistant vice president of the Terre Haute First National Bank in West Terre Haute.

Price was reappointed by the Vigo County Commissioners. He was appointed Dec. 11, 1979, to fill the unexpired term of the late Arch R. Dunbar. Price is manager of the Terre Haute area for Public Service Indiana.

Other members of the board are Rosemary Duwelius, president; Ethel Bell, vice president; Rick Kassel, secretary; George Dunkin and Carolyn Henson.

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# Genealogy class visits VCPL

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By JAYNE LLOYD  
VCPL Staff

One of the most popular sessions in the Indiana State University non-credit course "Genealogy for Beginners" is the two-hour field trip to the Vigo County Public Library.

Class instructor and professional genealogist Dorothy Clark, who teaches the ISU Continuing Education class three times each year, says the library visit provides essential training for student genealogists. "It is not only an opportunity for them to learn the function of a library reference department, but it is a chance for them to see and begin using the many genealogical materials available right here in Terre Haute."

Clark says the visit also benefits the genealogy librarian who can present a great deal of information about the department and its services to as many as 20-25 persons at one time.

Prior to the field trip, Clark spends several class sessions introducing students to American genealogy—its history, resources, and research methodology—and gives some guidance to those planning to do related work in other countries.

She also provides all course materials (the only requisite for the class is a three-ringed bound notebook and a pencil) including the blank genealogy charts. Clark feels the most important segment of the course, however, is providing instruction on the research method.

"My main priority is to teach them to be logical-minded—to conduct this study in the most scientific way possible by exhausting every resource possible, beginning with family members.

They must start with themselves—what they know about themselves and their families and then start question-

ing either the oldest relatives or those who know the most." These conversations, she says, provide important background information—family names, places of birth, marriages, deaths and often, interesting anecdotes—to launch the research and learn which pieces of the family history "puzzle" are missing.

To prepare for the library visit, students put together a concrete outline to guide them in asking questions and searching materials pertinent to their particular topics. They also receive instructions on using the VCPL Soundex Code, an index for searching the 1900 Census on Indiana, on microfilm.

During the two-hour session in the library's Special Collections Room, genealogy librarian Nancy Sherrill introduces students to a variety of tools such as county histories, city directories, and microfilm holdings which, in addition to the Census records, contain old newspapers, valuable for obituary items.

Other materials are atlases, bound family genealogies, family bibles, for which Clark has created five volumes of indexes; cemetery records, bound tombstone inscriptions and records of patriotic societies. The latter contain lineage information for members of such organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Colonists, and the Society of Indiana Pioneers.

"How-to" books include the popular circulating copies of Searching for Your Ancestors by Gilbert H. Doane and, for more advanced students The Researchers Guide to American Genealogy, Building an American Pedigree, and Black Genesis.

Other useful works for the genealogist, according to Sherrill, are

the Directory of Historical Societies and The Handbook for Genealogies which lists, in alphabetical order by state, each county in the nation along with its founding date, from what it was derived (Vigo County, for example, was known as Knox County until 1817 and from 1817-1818, Sullivan County), the name of the county seat and the zip code for the county clerk's office. The Special Collections Room also has a Surname File with collections of unbound written materials on various families in the area.

The Ayre's Directory of Publications, available at the Reference Desk, contains addresses of every newspaper in the country. Sherrill says it often is used by genealogists to obtain information from obituary files or to place ads in the papers requesting information on a particular family.

Additional resource materials, including Census records and reference works from other libraries, may be obtained through the VCPL Interlibrary Loan network.

Following the presentation of materials, students are encouraged to begin studying those which interest them while the librarian provides individual counseling.

Clark says the remaining class sessions are devoted to writing let-

ters to such places as the State Library of Indiana and the National Archives and putting together the research completed to date.

Dorothy Clark has been involved in genealogy in some form since junior high school days and has worked as a professional in the field since 1940. She says that local and national interest has "mushroomed" in the past 10 years—partly due to the preparations for the nation's bicentennial celebration which, among other things, resulted in the best-selling series of historical novels on America by John Jakes.

Other credit is due the more recent book and television miniseries Roots by Alex Haley along with growing membership in the Mormon Church, known throughout the world for its outstanding genealogical collections.

She says that in addition to her classes, which are made up mostly of local retirees, she also serves out-of-town clients including adopted children searching for their natural parents.

The Fall session of "Genealogy for Beginners" is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 30. Classes meet on the ISU campus from 7-9 p.m. for eight-week sessions in the Fall and Spring and for six weeks during the summer.

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### ***Tools of the trade***

Sherrill shows some of the library's genealogical materials to beginning genealogy students including (seated clockwise) Phyllis Hunter, Barbara Gem-

mecke, Dorothy Gharst, Marcella Bridges, Mary Chance, Linda Connelly, Regina Raley, Margaret Peigh, and Ann Pigg.

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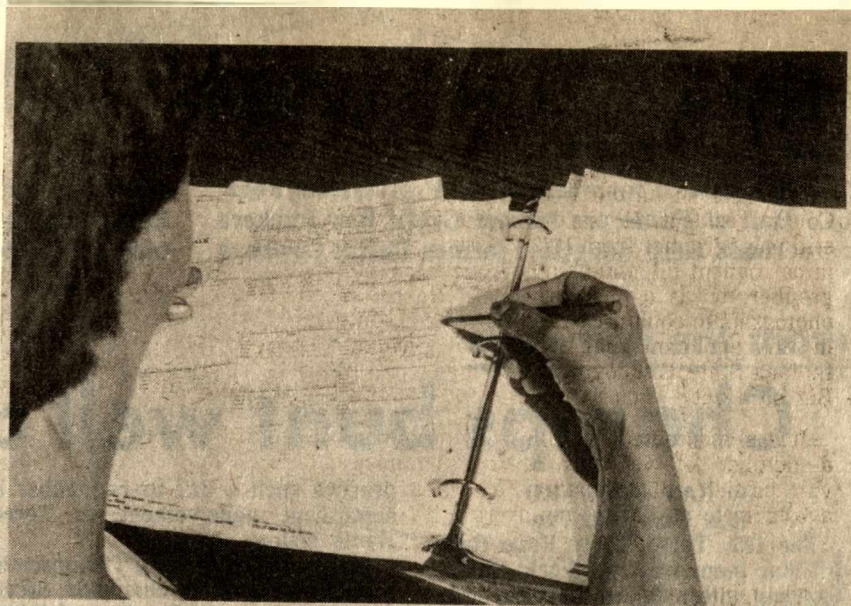
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### ***Selecting materials***

VCPL genealogy librarian Nancy Sherrill prepares for the student field trip by pulling sample genealogical materials from the Special Collections shelves.



### ***The Family Tree***

This family history chart, displayed here by student Dorothy Gharst, is the genealogist's key working tool.



# VCPL Trustees Vote To Accept Building

By LIZ CIANCONE  
Star Staff Writer

Marking something of a milestone in local library history, board members voted Monday evening to release the balance of the escrow account to Shelton Hannig associates and accept the new Main Library building as complete. Approval marked the end of a project which has consumed nearly 20 years from planning to consumation.

On the recommendation of library director Ed Howard, the board also opted to retain the balance invested in the construction fund pending final board decision on an automated circulation system for the library.

Related to the construction project were two items of business concerned with memorials proposed by several local groups and committees. The Friends of Max Ehrman Committee has proposed the installation of a bench on the Main Library grounds to bear a plaque commemorating the local author. Board members approved two simple pine benches one to be located on either side of the parking lot entrance to the Main Library at an estimated cost to the committee of \$772, including the commemorative plaque.

Permission of the library board has been sought by the Wiley High School Class of 1920 to establish an historical marker inside the cupola, now located on the Seventh Street side of the Main Library. The proposed marker would designate the corner as the site of a Terre Haute high school for 108 years — first as the Terre Haute High School, and finally as the Wiley High School site. Board members approved the proposal, pending agreement on rewording of the proposed bronze plate.

Monday's meeting also marked the annual election of board officers for the Vigo County Public Library. The incumbent officers were reelected to another term by acclamation: Rosemary Duwelius, president; Ethel Bell, vice president; Rick Kassel, secretary and Dave Johnston, treasurer.

In other business the board held public hearings on the additional appropriation of \$26,054 in state funds to several line accounts in the 1980 budget, and approved the 1981 operating and bond redemption budgets — setting a meeting for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, for the formal adoption of the

1981 budgets. <sup>S</sup> AUG 19 1980

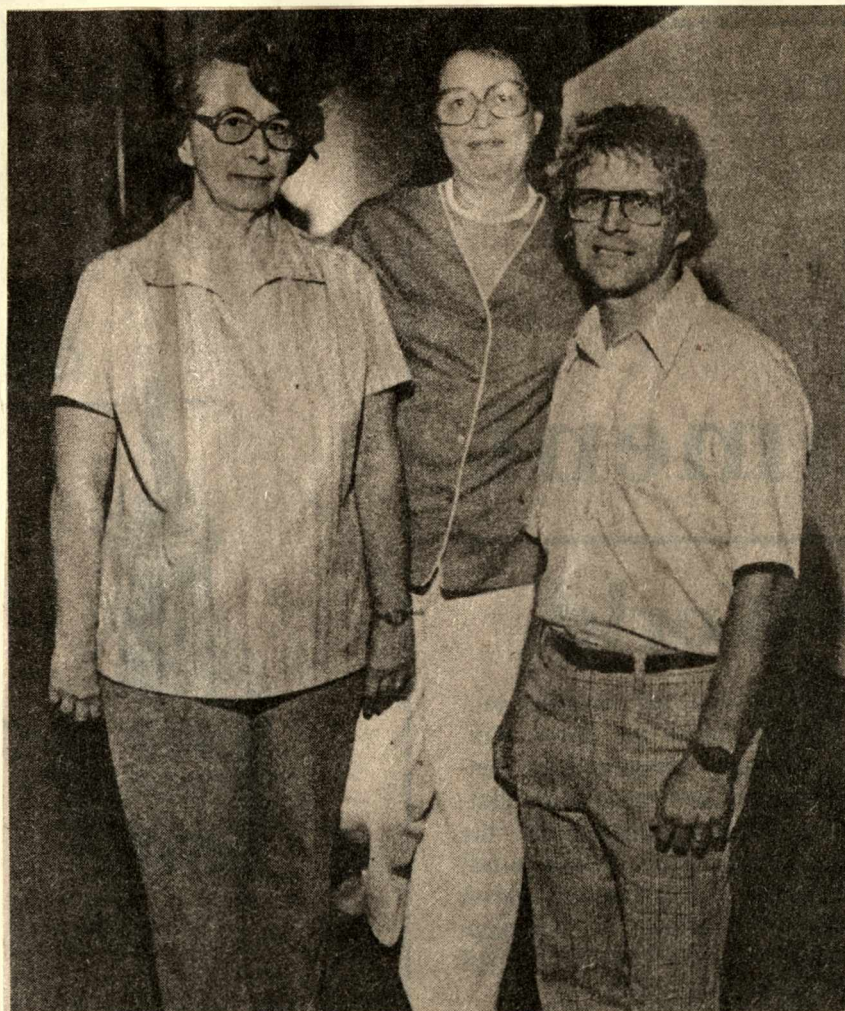
Board President Duwelius appointed a three-member board committee to write job descriptions for the library director and assistant director with their report due at the January meeting. Bell will serve as chairman with Carolyn Henson and Bill Price as the remaining committee members.

The September meeting of the board will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at the Main Library. On a suggestion by Rick Kassel, the October meeting will be scheduled at the West Terre Haute Branch Library.

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**BOARD OFFICERS** — Officers of the Vigo County Public Library board of Trustees were re-elected Monday night at the board's meeting. Rosemary Duwelius, left, is president; Ethel Bell, vice president, and Rick Kassel, secretary. Dave Johnston, treasurer, was not present for the picture.  
(Staff Photo: Rick Cochran)



# Library board releases building fund

Vigo County Public Library board of trustee members voted Monday evening to release the balance of the escrow account to Shelton Hannig associates and accept the new main library building, located at Seventh and Poplar streets, as complete.

"This was the final step in completing work on the new library, said director Ed Howard, "and now we go into the warranty period for the mechanical work on the library."

Approval by the board marked the end of 20 years of planning and work on the new facility which has been open over a year now for public use.

Howard then recommended and the board opted to retain the balance invested in the construction fund and

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continue the fund for library improvements.

One such improvement may be the future installation of an automated circulation system for the library which is currently under study by several VCPL board members.

Only one other library in the state (Michigan City), explained Howard, has an automated circulation system, but other libraries throughout Indiana (including Vigo County) are "holding up purchase (of such systems) pending work by a state committee that would develop specifications for public libraries, so that we we come up with could be compatible with each other and be a cost savings for the libraries," said Howard.

Related to the construction project were two items of business concerned with memorials proposed by several local groups and committees.

The Friends of Max Ehrman Committee has proposed the installation of a bench on the main library grounds to bear a plaque commemorating the local author. Board members approved two pine benches one to be located on either side of the parking lot entrance to the main library at an estimated cost to the committee of \$1,500 including the commemorative plaque. Howard stated the benches should be ready for installation toward the end of September.

Permission of the library board has been sought by the Wiley High School Class of 1930 to establish an historical marker inside the cupola, now located on the Seventh Street side of the main library. The proposed marker would designate the corner as the site of a Terre Haute high school for 108 years — first as the Terre Haute High School, and finally as the Wiley High School site. Board members approved the proposal, pending agreement on rewording of the proposed bronze plate.

Monday's meeting also marked the annual election of board officers for the Vigo County Public Library. The incumbent officers were re-elected to another term by acclamation: Rosemary Duwelius, president;

Ethel Bell, vice president; Rick Kassel, secretary and Dave Johnston, treasurer.

In other business the board held public hearings on the additional appropriation of \$26,054 in state funds to several line accounts in the 1980 budget.

Board President Duwelius appointed a three-member board committee to write job descriptions for the library director and assistant director with the report due at the January meeting. Bell will serve as chairman, with Carolyn Henson and Bill Price as the remaining committee members.

The September meeting of the board will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at the main library. On a suggestion by Rick Kassel, the October meeting will be scheduled at the West Terre Haute Branch Library.

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# Library board adopts budget

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Members of the Vigo County Public Library board met in special session last night and voted to adopt the 1981 operating budget and bond and interest redemption fund for 1981.

The operating budget of \$1,447,703 is a 6.4 percent increase over the 1980 budget of \$1,360,368.

The operating budget funds will be raised through a 37.86 cents tax

rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

Breakdown of the operating budget is as follows: (1) Services personal — \$937,744, which includes \$32,893 for the director's salary and \$27,528 for the assistant director's salary; (2) Services contractual — \$156,965; (3) Supplies — \$47,023 (no additional increase over 1980 allocation); (4) Current charges — \$185,971; Pro-

perties — \$120,000.

Total amount for the bond and interest redemption fund for 1981 is \$391,087, which will be raised by a 10.01 cents tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

The budget will next be reviewed by the Vigo County Tax Adjustment Board. The State Board of Commissioners will then give the budget a final review.

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# Byron's 'Portraits' most valuable book

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By FRANCES E. HUGHES

Considered the most valuable book in the possession of the Vigo County Public Library is a large green leather-bound volume of "Byron Portraits and MSS."

Two of the letters in the book are signed by Lord Byron, the famous English poet.

At the time the book was given to the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library (predecessor to the Vigo County Public Library) on May 18, 1924, by the late Henry Fairbanks Montagnier, former Terre Hautean, neither of these two letters had ever been published.

However, since then, one of the letters, written by Byron's mistress, Countess Teresa Guiccioli, to Mme. Sergent-Marceau, has been published in "Byron's Letters and Journal," Volume 10, period 1822-1823, by Leslie Marchand. The epistle was written May 5, 1823, in Genoa, Italy, with the date and Byron's signature at the end of the letter. The writer's name was at the top of the page.

The communication, written in Italian, was translated in Marchand's book.

The other letter signed by Byron in the library's valuable volume, was written in the poet's own handwriting to his friend, John Cam Hobhouse, on March 31, 1824, just 19 days before the poet's death, making it perhaps the most significant one. It was one of the last — if not the THE last — letters written by Byron.

This was written from Missolonghi, where Byron had gone from Italy for the purpose of aiding the Greeks in their struggle for independence against the Turks. The message was an introduction of Signa Zaimi, a politician, and says, in part, "who can give you all the gossip, etc."

Most every student of Byron's life and works will remember his romantic attachment to Countess Teresa Guiccioli, who wrote the letter published in Marchand's book. The countess was a pretty Italian girl of noble birth married to a man some 40 years her senior.

Long after Byron's death, she published a two-volume work on the poet. "Lord Byron, Juge par les Temoins de sa Vie." Later, she married an elderly French Marquis who — so the story goes — used to present her as "La Marquise de Boissy, the sweetheart of Lord Byron." Her brother, Count Gamba, accompanied Byron to Greece and was with him when he died.

When one reads these letters, one feels that perhaps they are not very noteworthy for their content seems negligible. However, if one studies the life of the poet, one realizes they are an integral part of the story.

Although these are the most valuable documents in the book at the library, there are also some other letters of importance.

One is a letter to Byron from Thomas Moore, Irish poet and song writer, whose works were as widely read in his day as works of Byron and Sir Walter Scott. Moore wrote a "Life of Byron" in 1830. His letter to the poet, written from Stoperton Cottage, Devizes, Wilts, and dated December 2, 1816, concerns the Moores settling in this place after the loss of their child. He asks about the Landdownes and to be remembered to Miss Tegart.

Another well-known English poet, journalist and editor, Leigh Hunt, wrote his brother, John, December 6, 1822, from Florence, Italy, concerning a literary project. This signed letter is in the book along with a letter addressed to "The Readers of the Examiner" about the death of the poet Shelley, who drowned while sailing "Ariel" in the Gulf of Spezia, and of Lord Byron's offer of assistance in the work.

This Leigh Hunt manuscript in the volume was supposed to appear in The Examiner, a weekly newspaper founded by Hunt and his brother, and alludes to Byron as the "Noble Author." Hunt had formed a kind of literary partnership with Byron in 1822. Together they founded a periodical called "The Liberal," of which only a few editions were published.

Also among the letters is an undated one from Augusta Ada Byron (Lady Lovelace), Byron's daughter, setting a time for a friend to call, and one from Byron's wife, Lady Byron, to his half-sister, Augusta Leigh, written March 26, 1816.

This last letter was written by Lady Byron shortly after her separation

from Lord Byron. She had been told that her husband had spoken

of her in his club in very unflattering terms. When he heard of the accusation, Byron at once appealed to several of his intimate friends to bear witness to the fact that he had never aired his domestic affairs in public.

At Byron's suggestion, his friends drew up several affidavits to that effect, which were at once transmitted to Lady Byron through her father, Sir Ralph Milbank. In her letter, Lady Byron acknowledged receipt of these affidavits to Byron's sister, who was married to her own first cousin, Colonel George Leigh.

Another document in the book is a note written by John Murray, Byron's publisher and friend, to Thomas Phillips, a well-known portrait painter of the period who had made one of the best portraits of Byron, asking Phillips to call to revarnish the portrait. This note is not dated.

In the book is an engraving of this portrait.

An example of the loyalty of Lord Byron brought to his friend Byron, is found in another letter, dated September 7, 1858, written by him to the Rev. John Wilkinson, Bishop of London, expressing objection to terms used by Wilkinson in reference to Byrons.

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Other items of historical significance in the volume are pictures relating to Byron. There

are 25 pictures of the poet as well as those of Lady Byron, Mary Chaworth, a distant relative; the Honorable Augusta Leigh, George Leigh, the Countess Guiccioli, John Murray, Leigh Hunt, and Percy B. Shelley; of Byron's estate, Newstead Abbey, in Nottingham, and of other places pertaining to the life of the poet.

This fine book, along with some rare European maps, was sent to the local library from Chalet Beau Reveil, Champerey, Switzerland,

where Henry Montagnier lived at the time.

The donor was a world traveler and Alpinist and an author on Alpinism. From the time he was an adult, he always lived abroad, most of the time in France. He was a nephew of Crawford Fairbanks, one of Terre Haute's early industrialists and philanthropists.

Montagnier had a very fine collection of books and documents about Byron.

He bought this book in England a number of

years before he donated it to the Terre Haute library. The index of the volume is handwritten as follows: "Index to autographs, portraits of Lord Byron, a volume collected by E. W. Henmell."

This book, filled with literary treasures, is available only by request and previous appointment to serious scholars and researchers. For access to it, one must call the administration office at the Main Branch of the Vigo County Public Library.



**VCPL's Linda Hardin, ISU's Sue Taylor view book**



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# 'Totem Figure' on display at Library

A seven-foot high bronze and limestone sculpture titled "Totem Figure" is on temporary loan to the Vigo County Public Library, courtesy of Robert G. Evans, associate professor of art at Indiana State University and creator of the art piece.

It is on display in the main stairwell landing which leads to the lower level of the Library.

Evans, who heads the sculpture division of the ISU Art Department, has been a member of the art faculty since 1972.

## Studied in Paris

He holds the bachelor of fine arts degree from the Atlanta School of Art, the master of fine arts degree from Tulane University, and was awarded a one-year French Government fellowship to study printmaking in Paris.

Prior to joining the ISU staff, he taught introductory and advanced sculpture at A.S.A.

## Numerous exhibitions

Evans' works have appeared in numerous exhibitions and collections throughout the country and he has received commissions for his

sculptures including one from Indiana State for a portrait bust of Alan C. Rankin, former ISU president.

Among other citations, Evans has

been listed in Who's Who in American Art, International Who's Who in Art and Antiques, Who's Who in the Midwest, and Men of Achievement.

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## Bronze and limestone sculpture

Rosemary Duwellus, president of the Vigo County Public Library board of trustees, welcomed artist Robert G. Evans to the main library at No 1. Library

Square recently to view his sculpture "Totem Figure" which is on display in the main stairwell landing.



# Library Board Hears Ideas On Ways To Conserve Energy

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By LIZ CIANCONE  
Star Staff Writer

In common with homeowners, industries, businesses and energy users in all walks of life, the Vigo County Library Board is interested in cutting energy costs and conserving energy. Accordingly, they requested an energy audit be conducted by Public Service Indiana, and received a report on the results at the regular meeting Monday.

Star Weddle of PSI, presented the survey results to board members. She suggested three areas of adjustment to the mechanical system in the heating/cooling plant for the new library—all of which will require checking and adaptation by mechanical experts before they can be implemented.

- Install "turning vanes" in the ducts to direct the air flow and reduce the work load of fans. This would have the fringe benefit of reducing the operating noise of the system.

- Zone the building by installing three thermostats instead of the one currently serving the building. Since the heat gain/loss varies at the three building levels, this would increase efficiency.

- Install baffles in the air mixing

chamber to decrease the demands on the system during high heat-demand periods.

Weddle also made three suggestions which might be implemented immediately by the library maintenance staff to reduce energy consumption:

- Install a timing device on the water heater to operate only when the building is in use.

- Maintain building temperature at 55 degrees rather than 65 degrees during unoccupied hours.

- Screen windows on the main floor area to reduce heat gain/loss in the reading areas.

Board members recommended the maintenance department take immediate steps to incorporate the suggestions which can be undertaken now and suggested sending a copy of the report to Sheldon Hannig, building contractor, for comment and suggestion.

Weddle was complementary about the "good planning" and the fact that the building was exceptionally well insulated with the additional energy-saving measure of double-paned windows. The heating system is the best for public buildings, especially libraries, in that it retains humidity

to help preserve the books.

Linda Hardin reported on her attendance at a Community Analysis Institute which she termed "rather disappointing" because the Vigo County Public Library has already been actively engaged in a similar process and served more as a resource library.

Alice Wert reported on a series of seven public forums conducted in various locations around the state to disseminate information concerning the White House Conference on Libraries. A 20-minute tape of the White House Conference is to be available for viewing on the VCPL TV screens at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

In other business, the board:

- Tabled a recommendation to purchase a heavy-duty carpet cleaner.

- Voted to renew a reciprocal borrowing contract with the State Library.

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# Special plans underway at No.

By JAYNE LLOYD  
VCPL Staff

Santa Claus himself would be pleased if he dropped in at the Media Relations Workroom of the Vigo County Public Library. He would find in the midst of the Library's publications and display area a veritable toy and ornament workshop with real live "elves" hammering and painting and gluing and trimming an array of Christmas fare — a host of holiday wares.

The "elves" are media relations personnel and staff from main-

tenance, archives and reference along with several community volunteers. Together, they have put in countless hours (many of them after work) to create decorations for the Library's Christmas tree, scheduled to go up during the first week of December.

To date, their hand-crafted items include a 10"x12"x13" gingerbread house, a wooden doll's sleigh and a five-car toy train, a 22-inch high papier mache soldier, a porcelain-faced doll dressed in lace and "pearls," and a small "treasure

chest" filled with toys and packages. Also in the works is a miniature medicine wagon and a number of new ornaments to add to the collection which they began last year.

It was late October, 1979, when staff faced its first Christmas in the new Library building with very few suitable decorations and an artificial tree (now displayed at Christmas in the Young Peoples Library) which was too small for the massive lobby.

A three-member Christmas decorations committee was formed and funds were allotted for the purchase

of a 12-foot artificial tree, lights and two wreaths for the balcony.

With the remaining funds and the prospect of finding (or not finding) tree decorations which both would enhance the Library decor and remain affordable, the committee chose a theme of handicrafts. Specifically, the plan was to decorate miniature packages in a variety of colorful papers and fancy trims to combine the contemporary look of the lobby with the "old fashioned" look of Christmas.

A work area was established in the



**Under the tree . . .**

Reference staff Vula Malooley and Kathy Prothero who took part in the project, examine ornaments, a

doll and other toys becoming a part of the tree scene as Christmas displays develop.



**Christmas soldier**

Local school art teacher and VCPL part-time staffer Mary Nasser begins the second stage of her work on a papier mache soldier.

**Staff Photos**  
— Bill Williams

1 Library Square

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Media Relations' display area, and workers trooped to department stores and gift and fabric shops in search of small jewelry boxes, shiny wrapping papers, and sequins, mother-of-pearl beads, gold and silver braids and other trims. In less than two-weeks' time, they had produced nearly 150 miniature packages in an assortment of Christmas dress. Several purchased items including gold glass balls, small wooden musical instrument ornaments and strings of tiny gold plastic beads (to simulate the bulbs in the lobby chandelier) provided the finishing touch.

This year, display staff began adding to the collection using supplies on hand, materials donated from other employees and a few purchased items. Using the same general theme, they assembled cardboard village houses, now shimmering with colorful trims, "jeweled" satin balls, and tiny stuffed toys.

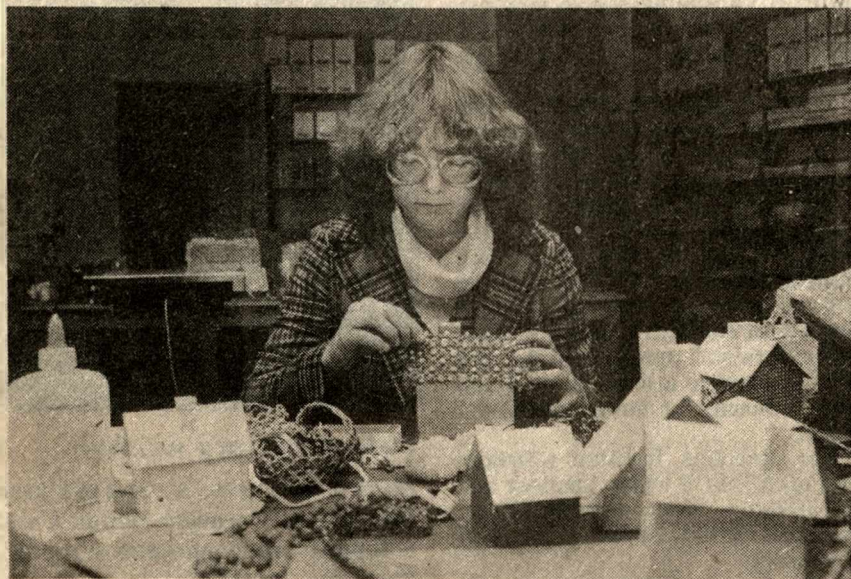
Items for the base of the tree also were a big priority. A magazine picture of a child's antique sleigh plus a cardboard pattern went to the Library's maintenance chief who cut out the rudders and all from one-half-

inch plywood on a jigsaw. And the husband of one employee made a toy wooden train from scraps of lumber.

Three workers put in two full Saturdays, including a trip to the grocery store for ingredients, to bake and construct a gingerbread house. Volunteer help for the snow and icicle trim came from a professional cake decorator and some follow-up advice for preserving the house from a Terre Haute baker.

Other toys in the finished or unfinished stage include a miniature medicine wagon, in the hands of an archives student assistant who moonlights as a wood sculptor; an inexpensive doll whose original costume has been reworked to fit in with the ornament theme; and works of papier mache made by a local art teacher who works at the Library after school.

There is just over a week to go on the project before the tree goes up and the Library launches its Christmas season. But the staff who have taken part agree collectively that what began as a seemingly mountainous task has become a source of joy in the making and sharing of real Christmas spirit.



### ***Building a whole village***

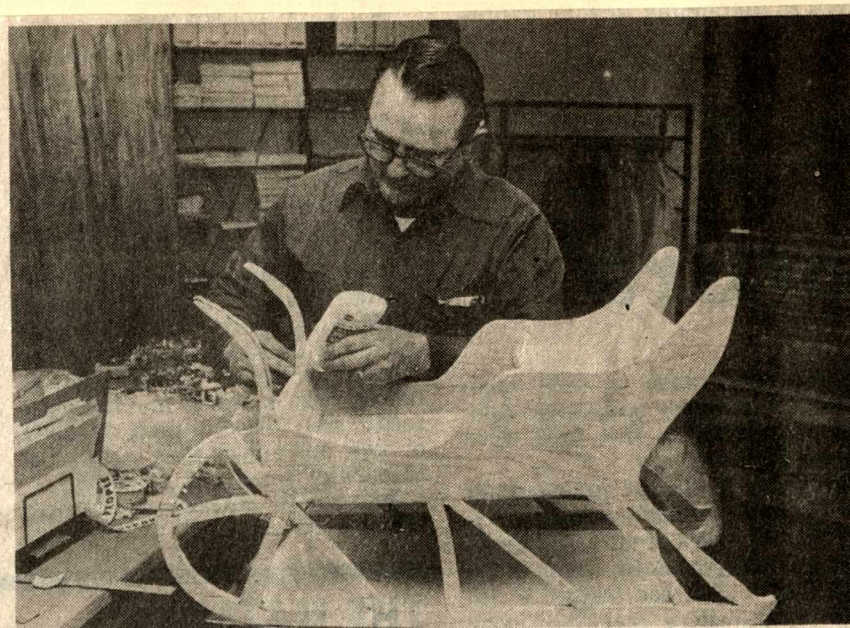
Part-time employee Kelley Nebergall, a senior at Indiana State University, attaches gold-sequinned trim and beads to one of the village house ornaments.





### ***A sweet little place***

Professional cake decorator Lee Poole (center) created the snow and icicle trim for the Library's Christmas house. Susie Alexander (left), Jayne Lloyd and Mary Nasser (see "soldier" photo above) of the media relations staff constructed the house which is made of gingerbread dough and cookies and is attached to a corrugated cardboard frame with meringue icing.



### ***Custom coachwork for Santa***

VCPL maintenance head Bill Law fashioned this miniature sleigh with scraps of plywood on his jigsaw. He has also designed and constructed, with the assistance of Robert St. John, a 25-foot round wooden base with several electrical outlets to insure safe lighting of the tree.



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# Library receives interest rates

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The Vigo County Public Library board this week received letters from four full-service banks in response to solicitation on interest rates for a loan of \$300,000.

Library officials say the loan is necessary since the library reports it still has not received necessary tax monies from the county.

The lowest interest rate was a flat 10 percent, according to a library spokesman.

The interest rate must first be approved by the State Board of Tax

Commissioners, however.

The loan will be utilized by the library for operating costs.

The library did receive a \$40,000 settlement from the county for the bond interest and redemption fund to meet a bond payment, sources indicate.

In other library business, hours at the North Plaza branch will be changed, according to Ed Howard, director.

Howard recommended the hours be changed to closing at 8 p.m. on

Thursday and 6 p.m. on Friday, effective June 1.

The branch library now closes at 8 p.m. on Friday and at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

The board also approved repairs on the air conditioner at the West Vigo branch, which was struck by lightning.

It was reported that Phase V of work to be done on the main library is now under way on the heating and cooling system.

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# Vigo library takes look at supervisory future

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Twenty-five staff members of the Vigo County Public Library System recently completed an eight-week course, "Supervision in the 80's."

The course, which was conducted during weekly two-hour sessions at the main library, was jointly sponsored by the VCPL Staff Association, the Library administration and the Indiana State University School of Business.

According to assistant director Betty Martin, in-service training has been an ongoing program at the library since the inception of staff institutes in 1959, when librarians were given special training in adult education skills. Since then, she said, a variety of seminars and programs has been added to the one or two-day annual institutes.

"The supervisors' course was really a first for us, though," explained Martin. "Most of our staff development programs have been 'squeezed' into an hour or two or occasionally a day-long session. They also have been mandatory for staff and consequently the topics have had to have a broad range of appeal — virtually something for everyone."

"This course, however, was presented over a period of weeks like a regular college or university class with study materials, out-of-class assignments and ample time between sessions to absorb the in-class presentations. Since registration was limited to only 25, participation was voluntary so that both current supervisors and aspiring supervisors could take part. Finally, the course offered staff a chance to do an in-depth study on one central theme," Martin said.

Staff Association vice president and program chairman Lois Harris explained how the course came about. "At last year's Staff Institute, 'Future Directors for the VCPL Staff Association,' employees expressed the desire to have more input into staff development program planning. They asked for changes in format and for more study topics directly related to their jobs. One of the topics in great demand was specialized training in supervision."

After the institute, Harris and her committee sat down with library administrators to explore ways in which to implement the staff suggestions. The first result was an all-day program in November featuring members of the Michigan City Public Library Staff. In a variety of small-group sessions, the visitors shared topics ranging from their library's oral history project to its automated circulation system. Although attendance at all or portions of the program was optional, Harris said "many of our staff took part and their responses were extremely favorable."

Initial planning for a course in supervision got under way in late winter when the Staff Association agreed to put up half the cost for material and resource people. The library administration agreed to put up the other half.

To gather ideas, Harris, fellow committee member Charlene Pierard and Martin scanned management magazines, studying the assorted seminars offered to people in business and industry. "We saw whole one and two-day sessions on such topics as 'Elements of Leadership,' 'Motivating Others,' and 'Time Management,'" Harris explained. She said the committee decided that several of these titles and course descriptions would provide the base for one multi-week course on supervision.

In a letter to all VCPL employees, staff were asked to rank the proposed topics according to their interests and needs. With the responses in hand, the committee sought further guidance from the ISU School of Business. They learned that Dr. David Hovey, associate dean, was an expert in the field of management program planning and had conducted similar courses for state and local businesses and industries.

Dr. Hovey put in several working sessions with the librarians helping them to focus on goals for the course and to select materials and resource people. He himself agreed to teach three of the classes while the remaining instructors were selected from the university, library and related fields.

Topics and instructions for "Supervision in the 80's" include "Elements of Leadership," "Discipline and the Difficult Employee," and "Supervision in the 80's" by Dr. David Hovey; "Planning the Work and Working the Plan" by Sally Hunt, assistant director for the Monroe County Public Library; and "Time Management" by Dr. Barbara Weinbaum, Terre Haute psychologist.

Others were "Communication" by Dr. Mary Ellen Adams, professor of communication at the Indiana School of Business; "Motivating Others" by Dr. Jack Goebel, dean of the ISU School of Business; and "Employee Development and Training" by Sharon Wiseman, staff development coordinator for the State Library of Indiana.

At the close of the eight weeks, participating staff received an award certificate signed by VCPL board president, Rosemary Duwelius. A copy of the certificate along with a letter of commendation from library director Ed Howard has been placed in the employees' permanent personnel folders.

Martin says that the course proved extremely popular participants and that it may be a forerunner to a new kind of library staff development. "The national and local economic picture will be affecting library funding more and more, especially in the area of travel funds. I see courses of this kind supplementing the state and national workshops and conventions, which only benefit a few of the staff." She said such programs also may replace the traditional Staff Institute "so that we can offer a greater variety of programs on a year-round basis."

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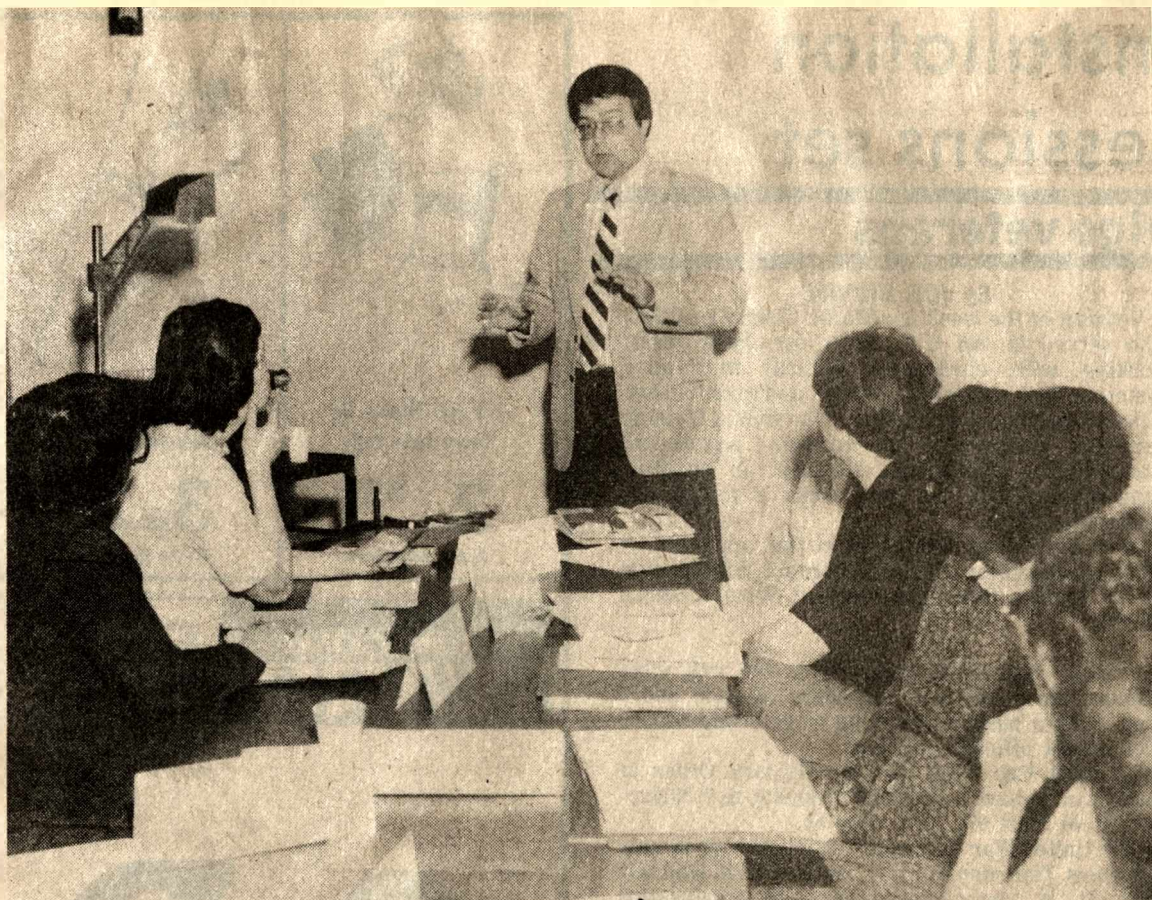


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### **Supervision**

**Dr. David Hovey, ISU associate dean of business, leads library staff in duscussion of changing roles of supervisors in the 1980s.**

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# Some funds restored to library budget

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On the basis of the Vigo County Public Library board's revised estimate of miscellaneous revenue, the State Board of Tax Commissioners has decided to restore \$27,876 to the 1982 budget of the facility.

During the monthly meeting of the library board, it was reported that the budget for next year now stands at \$1,418,843.

However, this is \$107,088 less than the board advertised, according to Linda Hardin, administrative assistant.

Betty Martin, VCPL president-elect, pointed out that the budget figure is a 4.5 percent increase from last year.

The board also is appealing budget cuts by the Vigo County Council to the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

They are asking to be relieved from the action of the local tax adjustment board and from the levy limitation which is set by law.

The ruling will probably be made in late December.

Ms. Martin indicated that a favorable ruling could add \$5,000 to \$6,000 to the budget.

In other action, the library board has switched its payment to the Indiana Employment Security Division from a set percent to a plan where the library would only pay on the basis of claims filed against it. The change is designed to save money.

And, Phase V of the modification of the heating and ventilation system in the new main library building is nearing completion.

The next library board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in the VCPL.

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# Library Borrows To Pay Operating Costs As Tax Collections Are Delayed

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By GERALD P. GRIMES  
Star Staff Writer

The problems caused by this spring's lengthy delay in calculating and distributing tax funds to governmental units continue to mount.

Some tax monies were recently distributed to the units by the county auditors office, signaling an end to the lengthy financial crisis for the units involved.

However, despite receiving nearly \$40,000 in advance funds on Friday, the Vigo County Library will still have to borrow at least \$125,000 in order to meet next month's operational expenses, says director Ed Howard.

He explained the \$40,000 must be used to meet the library's bond repayment obligation, and added that the funds couldn't be used to meet general fund expenses.

"We're in the process now of borrowing the \$125,000," Howard said, adding that additional monies up to \$300,000 could be borrowed by the library "depending on whether or not we get our advance monies by that time."

Howard said that under normal circumstances, the library has received not only all of the funds from the December tax settlement by this time of year, but a sizable portion of the spring settlement in advance draws.

"In a normal year, we would have received some \$200,000 to \$250,000 by this time of year," Howard said.

The only tax monies received by any of the county's governments — the city, school corporation, library and airport authority — have been the advances on the December settlement distributed late Friday.

The settlement process has been delayed this long for a number of reasons. According to Vigo Treasurer Paul Schoffstall and Auditor Paul Newton, the delay has been connected with the installation of a new county government computer system.

Sources connected with government have indicated in "off the record" comments that they blame the delay on an on-going personal dispute between the auditor and treasurer's offices.

However, both men have indicated that they have been "working very hard together and "hand in hand" on the problem.

Tax forms should be mailed out

within the next couple of weeks, according to statements from county officials, enabling the county to distribute a good deal of the rest of the tax money.



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# Reception today honors Howard

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Ed Howard, who will retire Dec. 31 from his 14-year post as director of Vigo County Public Library, is to be honored today at a reception in the lobby of the main library.

The public is invited to join library and community leaders from Terre Haute and other areas who are expected to attend from 2 until 4 p.m.

Howard led the successful drive to get a new main library facility, now standing on the site of the former Wiley High School, Seventh and Walnut streets. The library has since been cited by the American Library Association as one of the exemplary public libraries in the United States.

A native of Carlisle, Howard is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and spent four years as a Japanese prisoner of war during World War II. He retired from the Navy in 1957, after 20 years service, to launch a career in the field of library science. He received both the bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University, where he was graduated with highest distinction and was nominated to Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. Subsequently, he was named head of extension services and assistant director of the Monroe County Public Library in Bloomington.

Howard became director of VCPL in 1968. He has served on the boards of trustees of the Terre Haute Regional Hospital, the Terre Haute Rotary Club, the Wabash Valley Press Club and the Terre Haute Medical Foundation.

He is also past chairman of the board, Wabash Valley United Way, for which he served as general campaign chairman in 1974 and two terms as president, in 1975 and 1976. In addition, he has served on the Central Business District Committee, the Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce; the Mayor's Citizen Advisory Committee, City of Terre Haute; and the Task Force on Transportation for the elderly in Region 7, a six-county area in the Wabash Valley.

In 1974, Howard received the Award of Merit from the Wabash Valley Central Labor Council; in 1975, the Distinguished Service Award from the Terre Haute Jaycees; and in 1976, the Labor Day Award from the WCLC. In 1980, he was named to the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels by John V. Brown, Sr., governor of Kentucky, and last February, he received the New Birth of Freedom Award for Patriotism from the Indiana New Birth of Freedom Society.

Professionally, Howard has been active in numerous roles with the American Library Association and the Indiana Library Association. He served as editor of the ILA journal "Focus on Indiana Libraries from 1968 to 1972.

Howard also is a well-known lecturer in the field of community library service and author of more than 40 published articles and reports of which the best known is his monograph "Local Power and the Community Library."

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## New library director to be named

A new director for the Vigo County Public Library is expected to be announced during the monthly meeting of the VCPL board tonight at 7 in the main library.

The search committee for a director is expected to make its recommendation to the board as a part of new business.

The appointment of the new director will be effective Jan. 1, 1982, after the contract of the current director, Ed Howard, expires.

The search committee advertised

in state and national publications for a new director and had over 20 applicants for the job.

Library officials declined to indicate whether the new director comes from within the current library staff or from an outside position.

The board also plans to discuss the upcoming annual library conference and Phase V of the modification of the heating and cooling system. The modification is 95 percent complete and was done to make the system more energy efficient.

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# Laminated wood brings nature indoors

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When the public library system in Vigo County, Indiana, decided to build a larger facility, architects Miller, Wagner, Coenen of Neenah, Wisconsin, chose an open, inviting design to draw people and to make the library a focal point for the community.

The result was a rambling, low profile structure constructed of natural materials, reminiscent of the "Prairie School" style of Frank Lloyd Wright.

Two large collection and user areas on the main floor radiate from a central core. Meeting rooms, a children's library and support spaces were developed on the lower level. All unnecessary heights were eliminated to bring the building into scale with the outdoor environment — a scale "more fit for human habitation."

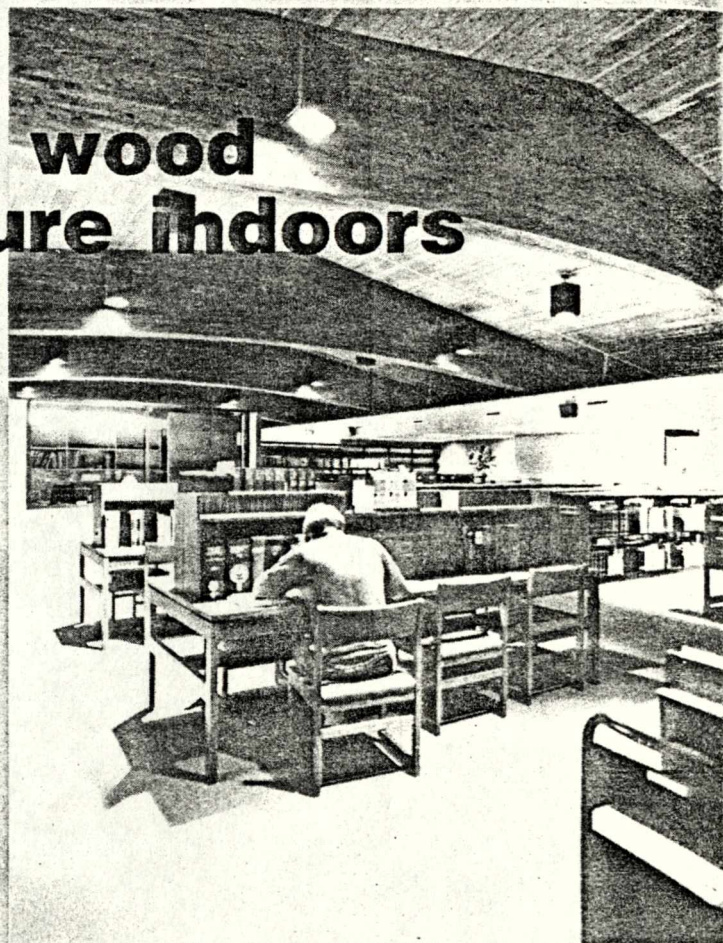
The building consists of two wings at sixty-degree angles to one another, connected by a three-story hexagonal lobby browsing area. A low-gabled, spreading roof with projecting eaves tops an exterior of natural Indiana fieldstone veneer, buff color, laid in random Ashlar pattern. Diagonal aluminum siding at level three and exterior trim are in a compatible dark brown color.

The two projecting wings, housing general and special collections and reference services, provide a restful research area through the use of earth tones and natural materials. Laminated 5 x 6 Douglas fir decking was finger-jointed to extend to 20 foot lengths. Curved and tapered laminated beams span 84 feet on 22 foot centers and are structural as well as decorative. The beams are 14 1/4 inches wide.

In the first-floor browsing area, the triangular pattern is repeated through the use of six, 41 foot laminated Douglas fir arches, each with a 28 foot leg. They meet at a center compression ring, and support 5 x 6 laminated wood decking.

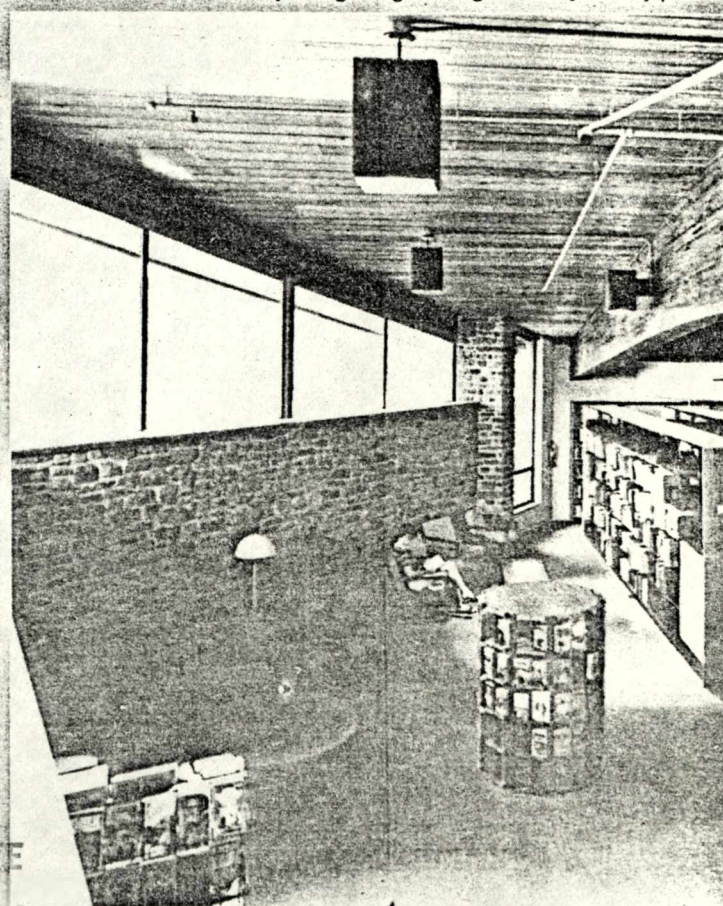
A specially designed Tivoli light is constructed of low watt lamps embedded in plastic tubes and reflective strips, suspended from power bars. The light provides a focal point for the area and reinforces the triangular theme.

Total lumber usage included 237,000 board-feet of 5 x 6 Douglas fir decking and 150,000 board-feet of laminated Douglas fir curved tapered beams, arches and purlins designed and engineered by Koppers Company. The building contractor was Shelton Hannig, Inc., Construction, Terre Haute, Indiana.

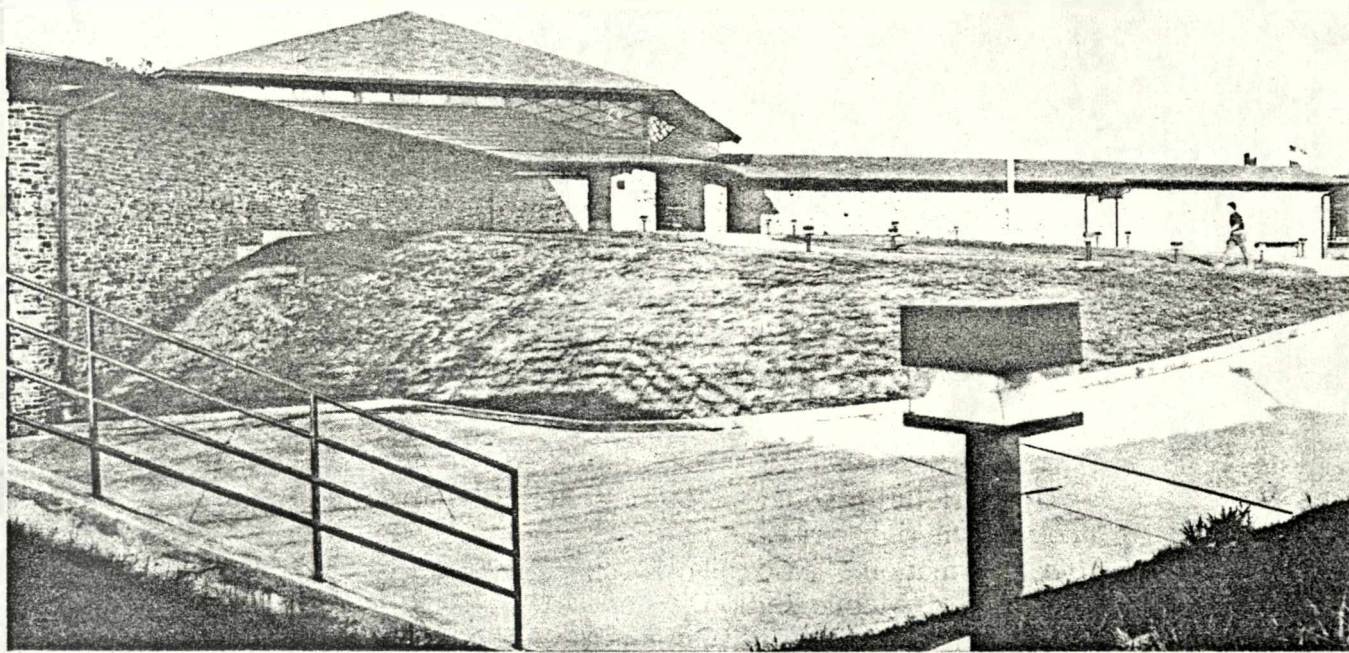


Library users have comfortable reading space.

Projecting wings of Vigo County library provide



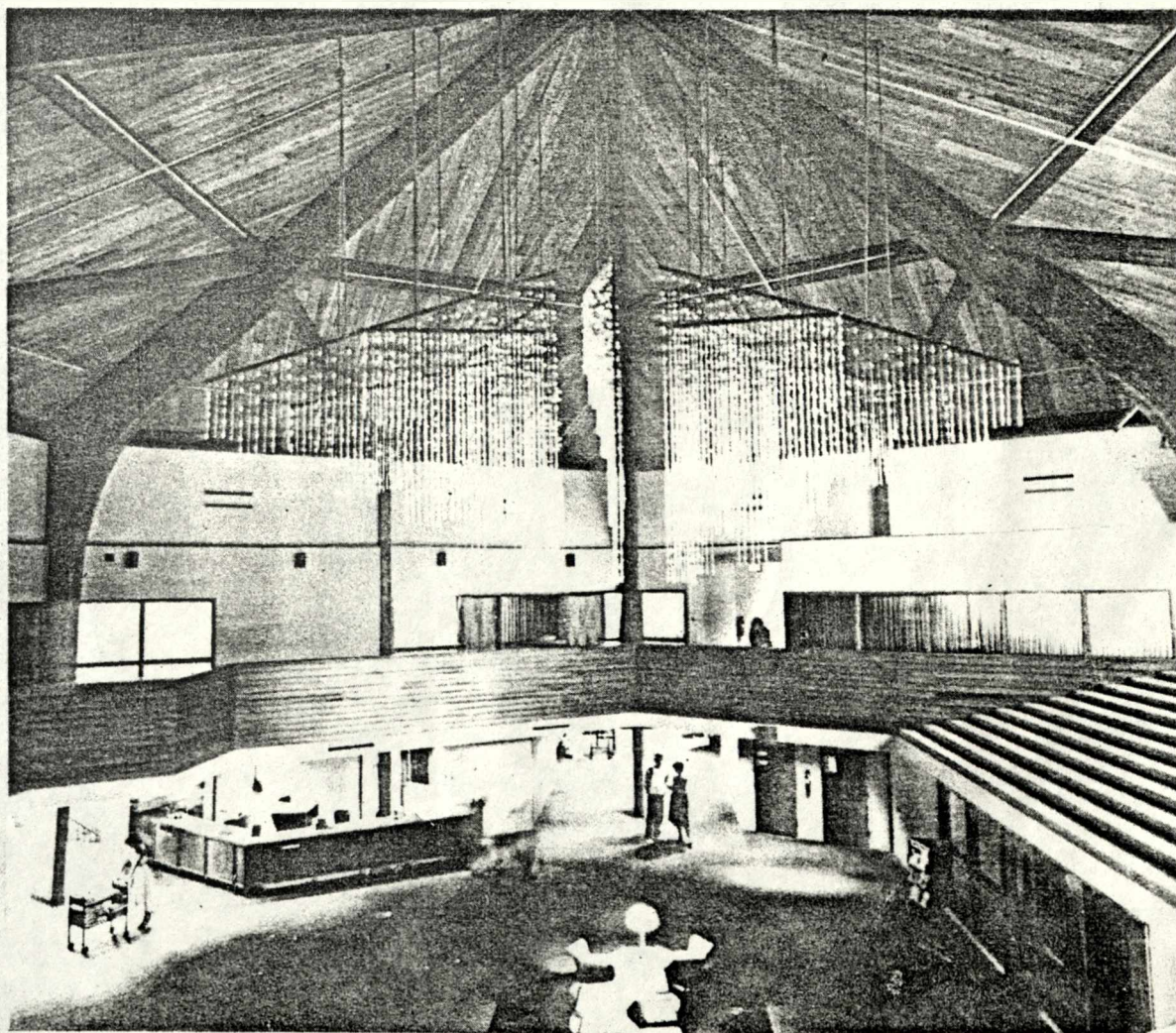




Low-profile, rambling structure was designed on a "human" scale.

Hexagonal lobby area is crowned with Tivoli light.

research space.





# New local view posted for posterity

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By JAYNE LLOYD

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Most people visiting new places enjoy a common hobby—collecting picture postcards. Their souvenir postcards provide instant recall of a journey gone by and guaranteed photographs even if the camera fails. Postcards also remain an inexpensive and interesting way for them to send greetings to friends and relatives.

Visitors to Terre Haute are no exception. Presently, however, there are few postcards of local scenes available to them and last fall, photographer Bob Harvey decided to do something about it. He contacted some national postcard manufacturers to get price estimates and specifications and then began thinking about the kinds of places in Terre Haute people might like to see on postcards. One of these, and the subject of his first project, was the main Vigo County Public Library.

He said he wanted to photograph the library "...because of its interesting design and because everyone I knew seemed to be so proud of it." He talked to library director Ed Howard and Betty Martin, assistant director, and learned that they were not only interested in the project, but had been planning to initiate it themselves.

Martin explained that with the large number of tour groups coming through the building, "...we felt that a color postcard would be the ideal thing for them to remember us by. Bob approached us at exactly the right time."

Initially, Harvey took some 40 color slides of the library. "I tried to get a variety of shots in existing and artificial light and to include angles of the building that people normally don't look at closely," he said. Of the latter, several were night scenes in which the combination of flood lights and particular camera angle created an extraterrestrial mood. Indoor photos were of public places such as the lobby, checkout and reference areas.



## Library souvenir

The new 4" x 6" color postcards of the Vigo County Library are available for purchase at the main and branch libraries. The main library is located at No.

1 Library Square, southwest of the intersection of Seventh and Walnut streets on the former site of Wiley High School.

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Howard and Martin selected 12 of the slides for Harvey to use in making three 6" x 8" color print composites. He said it was one of the most time-consuming tasks he had ever undertaken, and one of the most rewarding. "It was a way for me to do something new and creative for this city, especially with current efforts to enhance the downtown area," he explained.

In November, the mock postcards were presented to VCPL board members to select the composite which best expressed the library. Their choice included views of the lobby and reference areas, a daylight shot of the Walnut Street entrance, and the Library sign.

Harvey sent the artwork along with corresponding color transparencies to a New Jersey-based firm, one of 15 major postcard manufacturers in the United States. A company representative described the printing process as similar to producing a full-color brochure. He said that depending upon the number of color combinations used, the postcard plates are run through the press three or four times and that cards for as many as 30 firms may be printed at one time. He added that his company alone produces some 15 million postcards for customers each month.

In late April, the library received the cards and Martin says that public response has been good. She added that she and other staff have been buying the postcards and sending them to friends and relatives throughout the county.

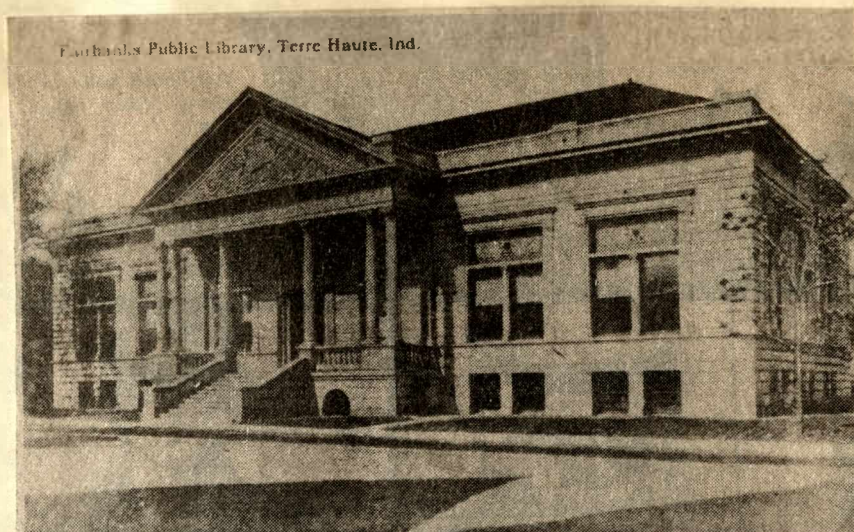
Meanwhile, Bob Harvey is at work on another project—this time making reproductions of historical postcards of Terre Haute. The postcard collection, owned by Dorothy Clark, historian and retired women's editor of *The TRIBUNE* and *Tribune-Star*, contains some 180 scenes of the city photographed in the early 1900s.

Several months ago, Clark asked Harvey to make the postcards into slides for use at the Vigo County Historical Society. He said that out of curiosity, he made a print from one of the slides and later an enlargement of

the print. He was so impressed with the result that he has since made prints of all the postcards in various sizes, framed them, and made them available for purchase. Ultimately, he hopes to produce new historical

postcards to be sold as souvenirs of the city.

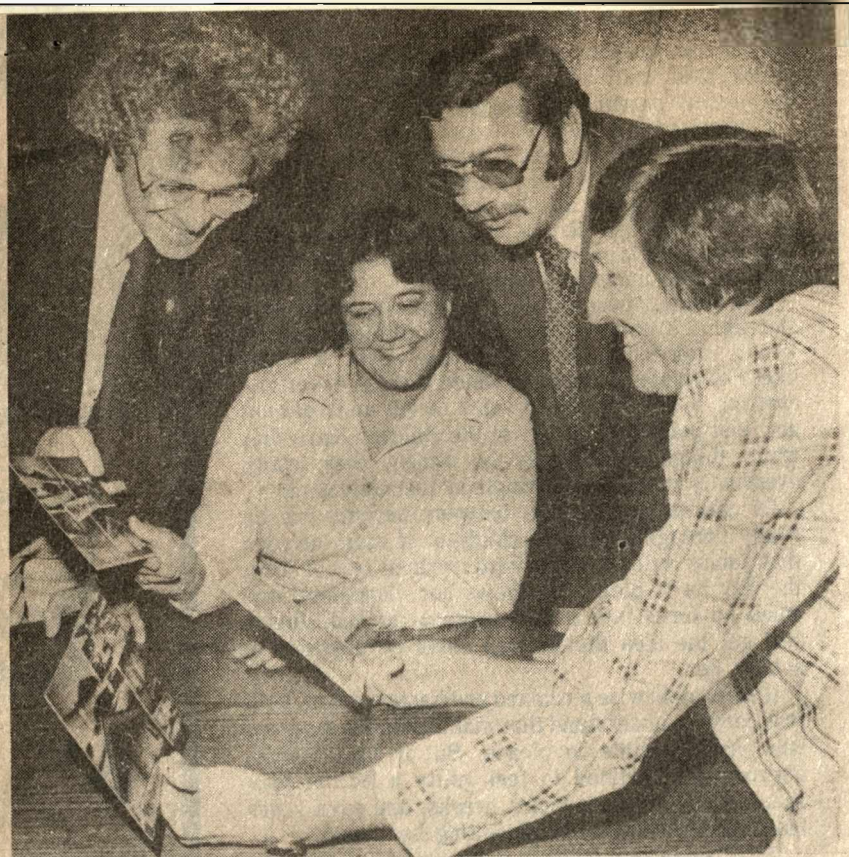
A display of the historical postcard prints and slides will be featured in the lobby of the main Vigo County Library in the near future.



### ***An early Terre Haute postcard***

The Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library building was the subject of several Terre Haute postcards sold here in the early 1900s. The color postcard was made from a hand-tinted black and white photograph and printed in Germany.





### ***Viewing the mock ups***

VCPL Board members Rick Kassel, left, and Dave Johnston joined Betty Martin during one of the postcard presentations by Bob Harvey, right.



### ***Creating the artwork***

Bob Harvey demonstrates some of his studio work on the Library postcard.



# Betty Martin selected to head public library

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By DONITA HADLEY  
Tribune Staff Writer

Effective Jan. 1, Betty Martin, assistant director of the Vigo County Public Library since 1968, will assume the duties of library director — succeeding Ed Howard who will retire from the post Dec. 31.

Mrs. Martin's appointment to the position was made official by the VCPL board during its regular session Monday night. Mrs. Martin is one of several women to serve as head of the VCPL, including past directors Florence Crawford and Sally Hughes.

A native of southern Indiana, Mrs. Martin earned a bachelor of science degree in education at Indiana University in 1955. She is currently working towards completing a master's degree in library science at IU.

Mrs. Martin has worked 23 years in



Betty Martin

the VCPL system, starting in 1958 as a bookmobile librarian. From 1961 to 1966 she served as head of extension services. In 1966 she worked as head of adult services until assuming the role of acting director in 1967. In 1968 she was appointed assistant director.

"I have had the distinct privilege to have had, as teacher and leader, a very fine outstanding leader in the library profession," Mrs. Martin said of current director Ed Howard.

Looking toward her duties as director, Mrs. Martin sees funding of library programs as the major challenge to her leadership role.

"We'll be looking to many different ways to get more for our dollars rather than (thinking in terms of) cutbacks," she said. "I don't see federal government at this point increasing its (funding) at all. I think the local and state will continue to have to pave the way."

Mrs. Martin also foresees heading the installation of an automated circulation system in the VCPL — a project which is still under consideration by the board. The system would include a computer for storing information concerning the various materials on hand at the VCPL and

display terminals for "calling up" information stored in the computer.

"(With the implementation of automated circulation) we will be able to tell the immediate status of any book in our collection," said Mrs. Martin, "whether the book is on the shelf, is out, being bound, or how long a patron will have to wait for the book if it is out. That, we feel, will be one of the really good aspects of the service to the community."

"I think the entire library profession is undergoing change — much of it due to the fact that more and more information we need in our daily lives is computerized data. This will increase rather than decrease," explained Mrs. Martin.

"(Much) information today," she continued, "is only available through a computer and unless you have access to that computer, you are in a sense information poor.... Those who are able to pay for computers will have access to that information and those who aren't able to pay won't have access. I see the role of the public libraries as providing, as we have traditionally, access to information by the general public that they would not, perhaps, have access to on computer."

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CLOWN ENTERTAINS — "Happy the Clown" entertained area youngsters and conducted a session on the art of clown make-up during a recent summer programs activity at the Meadows Branch of the Vigo County Public Library. Community Affairs File

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# Agency Cooperative concludes season

By KATHY DENNIS  
Tribune Staff Writer

The Agency Cooperative, a group of social service agency executives and other interested persons, will adjourn its regular monthly meetings until fall after its first season of existence, Genevieve Reisner, one of the group's founders, said.

The cooperative conducted its last meeting June 26 at the Gibault School and will not meet again until September or October, Ms. Reisner, group services librarian at the Vigo County Public Library, said.

Although the response to the Agency Cooperative hasn't been as great as she would have liked, Ms. Reisner said, it wasn't bad for the first year.

"I think the meetings have been successful," she said. "I had hoped for a much larger turnout, but lots of

good things start slowly."

When Ms. Reisner and Joy Miller, executive director of Planned Parenthood, and Alice Lemke of Katherine Hamilton's Community Service decided to form Agency Cooperative, they had three purposes of it in mind: to get acquainted with the persons involved in community service agencies, to find out what the various social service agencies offer and to look for gaps where needs are not being met in the community, Ms. Reisner said.

"It's an attempt to draw together the heads of various help agencies and others who are interested," she said.

Prior to the group's origin in October, Ms. Reisner said there was a need for such a group which would unite all the social agencies so they

know what each other's doing.

"Nobody asked us to do this," she said. "We just decided that nobody else was doing it, so let's do it."

Ms. Reisner said that by the various local social service agencies, such as the library, Katherine Hamilton's, the welfare department, the school corporation and the Lighthouse Mission, forming a group, it would be easier to work together in times of need.

"For us to work together, provide necessary services and solve needs, we need to be on a first-name basis if possible," she said.

Attendance at meetings, which usually are conducted at the public library, has varied from about 15 to 35 people, Ms. Reisner said. But she would like to get more agencies and additional interested persons in-

involved.

This year Agency Cooperative concentrated mainly on services for the elderly and adolescents. When the group decides to take action on the problems it finds, people are needed to help and give the agency support, Ms. Reisner said.

"I feel that if there's enough community awareness of needs and the determination to solve them, most communities can solve the problem whatever it is," she said.

"We need community support widespread for this kind of organization," Ms. Reisner concluded.

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# Heating/cooling system work progressing at public library

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Work on the heating/cooling system under the Phase V building project at the Vigo County Public Library is about 20 percent completed; according to a report given by Ed Howard, director of the VCPL, at a board meeting conducted Monday night.

Howard informed the board he was "extremely pleased" with the work being done on the system, which should be completed by mid-August.

The board also approved \$7,735 to Shelton Hannig Inc. for modification of the reference office ceiling.

Howard reported he had received the latest review of the VCPL insurance package, which showed the net estimated value of the system (excluding the value of the main library property and West Vigo Library Branch property) was \$11.8 million.

In other agenda items at the meeting:

- The oral history project conducted by the VCPL will be extended due to a grant of \$2,300 from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities.

- The library is also planning to sell 10 color postcards of

historic sites of Terre Haute in conjunction with the Vigo County Historical Society.

- Bill Price, head of the position description committee, announced that an advertisement for the position of director will appear in "Focus on Indiana Libraries" and "American Libraries." The VCPL will be appointing a new director some time in the future since the resignation of Howard becomes effective Dec. 31.

- The board voted to close the VCPL system July 3 since the July 4 holiday falls on a Saturday this year.

- Alice Wert, head of technical services, reported that 50 percent of the retrospective cataloguing has been completed in less than a year's time. The cataloguing is designed to record library holdings on computer tape, which is hooked up with the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC).

- Board president Rosemary Duwelius appointed David Johnston, George Dunkin and Carolyn Henson to a committee that will work on a proposed 1982 operating budget.

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# Prohibition, bootlegging, KKK among topic discussions slated

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Six prominent Terre Haute citizens will discuss the social and political issues that have helped shape Terre Haute since the turn of the century in a live oral history program next Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vigo County Public Library.

"Looking Back: the Crossroads of the World" will feature Leland Larison, former mayor; Sid Levin, co-owner of Corner Furniture Store; Lenhardt Bauer, retired attorney; Demetrius Ewing, owner of National Tailors; Frances "Tanky" Hughes, free-lance journalist; and Robert Nesbit, retired sports editor of the Terre Haute Tribune.

The group will discuss prohibition, bootlegging, the Ku Klux Klan and various labor movements including the general strike of 1935.

Members will share their memories of well-known political figures, the "infamous" Red Light District and society in the days of King Classical School and vaudeville at the Hippodrome and other theaters.

Following the program, an open discussion will provide opportunity for audience members to ask questions and share personal memories of Terre Haute.

Nesbit will present a selection of old time piano tunes and the Vigo County Historical Society's "Year of the Historic Photograph" exhibit will be on display.

The Saturday program in the culminating public activity of the Vigo County Oral History Program

entitled "Terre Haute, Indiana: The Crossroads of the World." The project, which was begun last July, will result in a collection of 50 recorded interviews of area residents whose recollections are considered valuable for preserving the history of the area.

The free program, open to the public, is a presentation of the Vigo County Oral History Program, co-sponsored by the library and the Wabash Valley Press Club and supported through a matching grant from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Jayne Lloyd, media relations supervisor at the library and Jim Wright, news director at WVTS radio and press club president, will serve as moderators of the program.

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**Heating/cooling  
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by Vigo library**  
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The Vigo County Public Library board met in special session Thursday night to receive bids for the modification of the heating, ventilating and cooling systems of the new library building.

According to Ed Howard, director, bids were received from two local firms — Hartmann Co. and City Plumbing and Heating.

Howard said the cost for the work would probably be in the range of \$130,000.

The board, which will meet in regular session Monday at 7 p.m. at the library, will select which company will do the work.

Howard said the modifications on the main library's heating and cooling system could possibly begin sometime around the end of April and should take about 90 days to complete.

The library will remain open while work is being done, said Howard. The director pointed out there may be some inconvenience to the public, but that the workers would probably not be visible to patrons visiting the library.

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# Cemetery register book given Library

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Two volumes of a publication entitled *Cemeteries Vigo County Indiana* have been donated to the Vigo County Public Library by the co-authors Virginia Wilhoite and Nelson Eddy. The materials have been cataloged and currently are available for public study in the Special Collections Room of the main library.

Wilhoite and Eddy, both Terre Haute residents, began copying cemetery records individually several years ago when each was researching his local ancestry. When they learned of each other's efforts, they decided to produce a book on the subject and to donate its proceeds to the Wabash Valley Genealogical Society, of which both are current members.

In the introduction to the book, the authors state that there are more than one hundred and twenty-seven cemeteries throughout the county. "There are a few that have their own records," they explain, "so we have not copied them. We are concentrating on the older and smaller family sites."

They also note to readers that some of the original cemeteries have been moved to other sites because of area land development and that the wording from the grave stones is recorded exactly as it appeared, despite misspelled words.

The cemeteries publication has been divided into four sections. Volumes One and

Two focus on cemeteries in the Northeast part of Vigo County (Harrison, Nevins, Lost Creek and Otter Creek townships) and the South part of Vigo County (Linton, Pierson and Prairie Creek townships), respectively. Volumes Three and Four, which will be added to the library collection when completed later this year, concentrate on cemeteries in the Central and Northwest sections of the county.

The authors have organized the cemeteries according to a numbering and code system at the beginning of each volume. It includes the cemetery number, its name, the township in which it exists and the page number on which that township listing begins. For example, in Volume One, No. 1 is Baker Cemetery which is in Lost Creek Township. Lost Creek Township listings begin on page 80.

Each volume also contains an index with an alphabetical listing of surnames on tombstones, cemeteries (indicated by their code numbers) which contain those surnames, and townships which, in turn, contain those cemeteries. For example, in Volume One, the surname Adams appears in cemeteries 25, 24, 36 and 17; those cemeteries exist in Nevins and Otter Creek townships.

In addition, the authors have provided maps of the townships listed along with in-



## VCPL receives gift

Nelson Eddy and Virginia Wilhoite (right) recently presented copies of the first two volumes of their publication *Cemeteries Vigo County Indiana* to genealogy librarian Nancy Sherrill of the Vigo County Public Library. Volumes Three and Four will be added to the library gift when completed later this year.

formation on the exact location and a brief description of each cemetery. When possible, the complete name, birth and death date on each tombstone is given. In case of family grave lots, relationships such as wife, husband, son or daughter are indicated.

Finally, the publications contain occasional epitaphs and notes on tombstones which,

because of deterioration, could not be identified.

Further information on *Cemeteries Vigo County Indiana* may be

obtained by visiting or calling the Special Collections Room of the main Vigo County Public Library.



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# Conservation of energy goal of library effort

Vigo County Library board of trustees Monday night authorized an appropriation up to \$20,000 from the Library Construction Fund to implement Phase V of the Energy Conservation Modification Plan on the main library building.

The plan will involve modifying the heat/air conditioning system at the main library in order to reduce the BTU requirements by approximately one third.

VCPL Director Ed Howard said the board has employed the services of the Shelton Hannig Inc. to develop the specifications for the energy modification. He said the bids for the mechanical and electrical work will hopefully be advertised within the next two months.

Howard said a goal for completion on the work is April or May. He did not anticipate having to close the main library during the actual modification process.

The library heating and cooling system is "totally electric, and will stay that way," Howard said. "At the time the system was designed we weren't in the energy crisis we're now in. Research and development has come up with solutions that we can adapt to our building which should cut energy consumption by about one third."

Howard also pointed out that the modifications in the heating/cooling system will hopefully allow the library to "tolerate rising energy costs...."

Board members also approved a resolution to permit library authorities to apply for nomination as one of five "evaluating libraries" for the OCLC Inc. circulation control system.

Technical Services Director Alice Wert told the board the VCPL was one of two libraries in Indiana to seek nomination and added she believed it has the advantage since we have already begun to move toward an automated system.

Howard explained that OCLC (located in Columbus, Ohio) now serves approximately 3,000 libraries across the country with bibliographic services, inner library loan services, catalog cards — all done via computer and telephone lines.

OCLC is "going to get into the

circulation control business," explained Howard and will test their circulation systems in five libraries which will be selected as test sites.

If VCPL is chosen as a test library, OCLC will install an automated circulation system and study its effectiveness over a period of time. At the end of the test period, VCPL could have the option of buying the system "at a very reasonable cost," said Howard.

If the VCPL is chosen as a test library, the circulation system could possibly be installed by the end of the year, said Howard.

Effective May 1, the VCPL will abandon the so-called Open Door Policy which has been in effect with area libraries for the past 20 years to become a participant in the State Reciprocal Borrowing System.

The policy extended to Brazil, Worthington, Paris and Marshall, Ill., libraries, Howard reported. However, in recent years, he said, "the state of Indiana has created a means for reciprocal borrowing among Indiana public libraries which really negates our continuing this open door policy because we can't have too many different means of borrowing going on at the same time because it becomes confusing to us and the borrowers."

Howard indicated that most of the medium and large state libraries now take part in reciprocal borrowing system. Through this statewide program, for example, a VCPL card holder could sign out books and materials, and utilize the services of any state library participating in the reciprocal borrowing program.

In a brief session prior to the business meeting, Vigo County Circuit Court Judge Hugh McQuillan presented five-year service pins to five library board members and to board attorney Guille Cox. The pins, designed like the library logo, are awarded for service in multiples of five years. Pins went to Ethel Bell, George Duncan, Rosemary Duwelius, Carolyn Henson and Dave Johnston.

Immediately following the adjournment of the public meeting the board reconvened as the board of finance, electing George Duncan as president and Rick Kassel as secretary.



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# Library may have to borrow funds

The local public library may have to borrow up to \$300,000 to pay its bills since it has not received necessary tax settlements or advances from the county.

In preparation for borrowing the money, the library board, meeting in regular session Monday night, decided to solicit quotes on interest from local banks.

Director Ed Howard said those quotes were in preparation for borrowing some money due to lack of tax settlement or tax advances.

"We expect to be borrowing up to \$300,000," said the director, "which would permit us to pay our bills for a couple of months. We hope we don't

need it all."

"We have enough (money) to meet our payrolls through the middle of May," he said, "and then that's it...."

"All local taxing units are facing a cash shortage," continued Howard, "since the tax settlement — the final payoff for last year's income — has not been made yet and no money is available from the county treasurer's office for this year's income."

"In fact, we understand the tax statements are going to be a little late in being sent out."

One of the reasons the library, as well as other taxing units within Vigo County, have not received tax monies

is due to a delay in processing by the county as it adapts to a new computer system.

The board will decide exactly how much it will borrow and through which bank at its May meeting.

In other library action, a bid of \$132,377 for the energy conservation modification work scheduled to start soon at the main branch was awarded to City Plumbing and Heating.

According to Howard, work on the main library's heating and cooling system, will begin "very soon and be completed within 90 days."

The purpose of modifying the heating/cooling system is to cut energy costs.

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**Trustee Board**

George E. Dunkin and Rick Kassel were sworn into four-year terms on the Vigo County Library Board by Circuit Court Judge Hugh D. McQuillan at 1:00 p.m. today.

Dunkin is manager of Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery. A native of Terre Haute, he is a graduate of Gerstmeyer Technical High School and Indiana State University. Dunkin was first appointed to the Library Board in 1974, and has been reappointed to his third term by the Vigo County School Corporation Board of Trustees. He resides at 1120 Mary Lane.

Kassel is sales representative for Dever Kor-X-All Corporation. He is a graduate of Wiley High School and Indiana State University. Kassel was first appointed to the library board by Judge McQuillan in February 1979 to fill the unexpired term of his grandfather, the late Ned A. Bush, Sr. He resides at 2312 Washington Avenue.

The other members of the Library Board are Ethel Bell, Rosemary Duwelius, Carolyn Henson, David Johnston, and William E. Price.

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# Library OKs \$1.5 million budget

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By DONITA HADLEY  
Tribune Staff Writer

An operating budget of just over \$1.5 million for 1982 was approved for advertising Monday night by the Vigo County Public Library board.

Treasurer William Price called the budget a "bare needs budget" and "very conservative."

The 1982 operating budget — \$1,525,931 — is 12 per cent higher than the budgeted 1981 figure (\$1.36 million).

Betty Martin, assistant director, pointed out that the VCPL was still waiting to obtain complete tax information from the county auditor's office, but the board moved to go

ahead and approve the budget as it stands at this time.

The board approved seeking a loan of \$75,000 for operating costs through Aug. 7 due to the delay in appropriation of tax monies.

The breakdown of the budget includes the following:

- Services personal — \$949,237, an increase from \$917,744 in 1981. Included in that is \$34,866 and \$29,180 for the director and assistant director salaries, respectively.

- Services contractual, which includes such items as repairs, communication and transportation, heat, light, power and water, printing and advertising and other contractual

services — \$184,397, an increase from \$148,965 in 1981.

- Supplies for office, maintenance and other — \$41,500, a decrease of about \$2,500 from the 1981 budget.

- Current charges, including insurance and bond premium, rents, dues, employer's contributions and cash accounts — \$191,797, an increase of about \$5,800 from 1981.

- Properties — \$159,000, an increase of more than \$95,000 from 1981. Included in that is \$149,000 for library materials, increased from \$62,433 last year.

A bond and interest redemption fund for 1982 will be advertised at \$378,837, including principal and interest.

In the director's report to the board it was indicated that the total net worth of the VCPL system is \$11,793,914. Mrs. Martin pointed out that the figure is computed each year for insurance purposes.

Also in the report was the announcement that due to the work under Phase V, which involves work on the heating and cooling system in the main library, the building will be closed one week beginning July 27 and continuing through Aug. 2.

All branch libraries and the mediamobile, however, will remain open on the current schedules.

Salaried staff at the main building will be assigned to a rotating shift during the closing.

Mrs. Martin stated the work is on schedule and it should be completed around the middle of August.

George Dunbar reported to the other board members that plans to go to an automated circulation system were "moving fast" and requested the board appropriate \$200,000 in the budget for use in the future to pay for the system, which the board approved.

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## Library Board Re-elects All Officers, Conducts Hearing

The Vigo County Library Board conducted its annual reorganization meeting Monday evening, the board members voting to elect the same officers without exception.

The re-elected officers include Rosemary DuWeliuss, president; Ethel D. Bell, vice president; Rick Kassel, Secretary; George E. Dunkin, Assistant Secretary; and David L. Johnston, Treasurer.

Aside from routine business, the board's agenda included a report from Roger Batterson of the Hannig construction firm concerning the installation of new heating and air conditioning equipment.

Batterson told the board that the systems would be fully installed within 30 days. He also mentioned there would be significant savings because the new system is more efficient.

"The savings will be even greater p.m. Aug. 24, the adoption of the budget, and a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 1. All meetings are conducted in the Main Library Building on Seventh Street.

than what we thought," Betty Martin, assistant director said.

She added that the board had been engaged in dealing with the project for quite some time.

"The new system will be cost efficient and also provide improved climate control of the building," Martin said.

A public hearing on the library's budget was conducted as per state law, but no one attended to speak for or against the budget, Martin said.

Another public hearing, concerning an additional appropriation, was conducted at the meeting. The appropriation was from state funds for \$24,789.

Future meetings of the board are 7

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# Library *Library Publicity* conducts *1 copy in Libraries, T.H.* hearing *VCPL* T AUG 18 1981

The Vigo County Public Library board of trustees conducted a public hearing Monday evening on the VCPL's 1982 operating budget of \$1.5 million and on the bond and interest redemption fund advertised at \$378,837.

Betty Martin, assistant director, stated there were "no alterations to the budget and no one from the public appeared to speak against the budget."

A special meeting for the adoption of the 1982 operating and bond redemption budgets will be conducted by the board at 7 p.m. Monday at the main library.

A public hearing was also conducted for the appropriation of \$24,789 from state funds.

Election of officers at the meeting included:

- Rosemary K. Duwelius, president;
- Ethel D. Bell, vice president;
- Rick Kassel, secretary;
- George E. Dunkin, assistant secretary; and
- David L. Johnston, treasurer.

A report on the Phase V project, which involves remodeling of the main library's heating and cooling system, was given by Roger Batterson, architect.

The project should be completed within the next 30 days.

Batterson's report included the advantages "already being reaped from the system," said Mrs. Martin.

"Results of the changes (indicate) the system is even more greatly improved than what they thought it would be in terms of climate control of the building and energy savings," she added.

Mrs. Martin represented the library administration at the meeting.

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# West Branch Library Celebrates 20th Anniversary

by Sarah Beckley, Branch Librarian

West Terre Haute Branch Library will celebrate its 20th anniversary throughout September. As far back as the early 1900's, a petition had been circulated for the establishment of a branch west of the river. A W.P.A. library existed, but as Irene McDonough (author of *History of the Public Library in Vigo County (1816-1975)*) stated, "like many other good beginnings," this library was discontinued.

Finally, on March 1, 1961, the building and current location at 626 National Avenue was leased. The Sugar Creek Improvement Council, led by President Alice Kieweg, and staff members busied themselves with cleaning and scrubbing, Y-Teens helping with the upstairs meeting room by skating with polish cloths underfoot to shine the floor!

The first county library branch was officially opened on September 6, 1961, with Miss Hilda Bledsoe as Librarian. Within the next several years, Fletcher Gates, aided by long-time employee Edris Landers, assumed librarian duties. Upon his retirement in 1975, Sarah Beckley, current head librarian, greeted patrons. Increasing circulation and activities at West Branch instigated the petition for an assistant librarian in 1978. Under the supervision of, first, Mary Stanley and then the current Children's Librarian Jane Margason, young people's programs and materials have expanded.

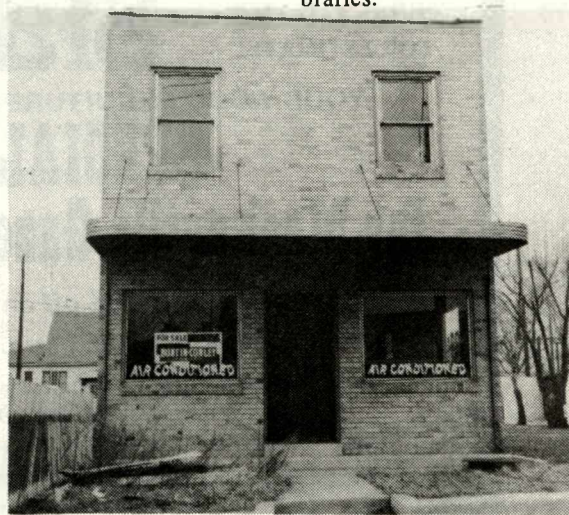
West Branch Library, snug with its over 12,000 items to choose from, has two full and four part time employees, and offers a free meeting room to the public. The

West Vigo community which has loyally supported this first county branch is cordially invited to the following festivities to help celebrate West's 20th birthday:

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| Sept. 9  | The first 3- and 4-year-old story time sessions. Information and registration forms are available at the branch.  |
| Sept. 15 | After school films from 4-5:00 p.m. featuring "Ghosts and Ghoulies", "Storm Boy" and "One Kitten for Kim."  |
| Sept. 21 | An Open House from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. with cake and beverages served.  |
| Sept. 26 | Pet Show from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with well-known TV-2 personality Richard Larsen acting as one of the judges. Full information and entry blanks are available at the branch and in all West Vigo School libraries. |



In this photo, taken in August, 1961, John E. Sutherland, Vigo County School Board member, presents the keys to the new West Terre Haute branch library to Miss Hilda Bledsoe, librarian, as Mrs. Homer Kieweg of the West Vigo School Improvement Council looks on.



The West Branch Library as it appeared prior to 1961.



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## WTH library marks 20th year

Twenty years ago, on Sept. 5, 1961, West Terre Haute Branch of the Vigo County Public Library system opened its doors for service. It was the first county extension service to be developed after VCPL became a county-wide system.

West Branch was a dream come true for citizens of West Terre Haute and the western sector of Vigo County. The refurbished two-story brick structure (formerly a tavern) at 626 National Ave., complete with reading tables, book shelves, a collection of 2,000 volumes and meeting room facilities on the upper level, was the first local library to exist on the west side of the Wabash River.

Citizens from the area had circulated a petition for public library service as far back as the early 1900's, according to VCPL historian Irene McDonough (History of the Public Library in Vigo County: 1816-1975). The public outcry was not to be answered until sometime in the 1940's when, writes Mrs. McDonough, a W.P.A. library was created but "like many other good beginnings, it was not continued."

Finally, in 1961, the old Emeline Fairbanks

Memorial Library became a county-wide system and began making provisions for branch libraries in outlying areas. First attention went to West Terre Haute. With federal funds obtained from the State Library under the Library Services Act, books and materials were purchased and the building at 626 National Ave. was leased in early March, 1961.

Mrs. McDonough recounts that "the activity related to the opening of the branch was reminiscent of the refurbishing of the old YMCA Room in 1881, prior to the March opening of the Terre Haute Library Association.

"In both cases, it was the community and staff who scrubbed, mended and rearranged in order to make the old quarters ready for library patrons. In 1880, it was twelve women, many of them teachers, and the future librarian; in 1961, it was the Sugar Creek Improvement Council, especially the president, Alice Kieweg, along with the head librarian and the head of extension services who scrubbed the floors. Y-teens helped with the upstairs community room. They polished the floor by skating with polish cloths underfoot."

Local newspaper re-

cords indicate that some 250 citizens attended the West Terre Haute grand opening ceremony on Sept. 5, 1961, several months ahead of schedule due to numerous community gifts (both in time and money). The two major service areas, which remain today, included the lower-level reference and general collections areas, accommodating service to children, young adults and adults, and the second-floor meeting room for community groups and special pre-school activities. The 1961 parking lot facilities were shared with an adjacent grocery store.

Staff for the first county branch were Hilda Bledsoe, librarian, and LaVerne Hughes, assistant librarian. The library was open for service six days a week including some evenings.

Several major physical improvements have taken place at West Branch since its inception 20 years ago. Air-conditioning was installed in 1969 and in 1978, at the conclusion of a two-year project, a 19-space parking lot was made available through the purchase of an adjacent empty store and lot. Other improvements made at that time included landscaping,

electrical work, roof and gutter renovation and a newly painted interior.

Today West Branch is one of four branch libraries in the VCPL system. Its collection has expanded from 2,000 volumes in 1961 to more than 12,000 at the end of 1980.

The present West staff includes Sarah Beckley, librarian; Jane Margason, assistant librarian; and Janice Brown, Bridgette Jacobs and Judy Hyde, hourly employees.

Special activities highlighting the library's 20th year anniversary celebration include after-school films from 4 until 5 p.m. on Sept. 15; an open house from 1 until 5 p.m. on Sept. 21; and a pet show from 1 until 3 p.m. on Sept. 26.

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